



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

HEAD'S BLOG

What a few days it has been, the likes we have never seen before. As you all get used to the current measures in place to tackle the coronavirus, we thought it would be good to maintain some little moments of normality. Therefore, I will continue to send a weekly newsletter. It may not be the usual feast of photos and news about all the goings-on in school but it will serve, at least, as a means of staying in touch and communicating essential updates.

First of all, thanks for all the messages we have received from you via Class Dojo or email. It's good to hear that you are well. Teachers and I will continue to stay in touch via Dojo and feel free to share your photos of home learning with us! I know teachers are already missing their classes so a photo or two would be lovely!

On the issue of Home Learning, please DO NOT put yourselves, or your children, under pressure to complete swathes of activities. The resources we have provided are OPTIONAL and are there if it helps to maintain structure and routine. We definitely DO NOT want this to become a battleground and cause upset at home. Do what you can, when you can but focus on maintaining a happy and safe household! Teachers may send out links to other online resources that they come across. Again, these are optional at present. Schools' ultimate job at the moment is to support the country's critical response to combat the spread of the virus. Their guidance for schools states: 'The most important thing is that children of critical workers and vulnerable children are supervised and properly cared for at education settings. Emergency legislation will lift curriculum requirements for schools' However, we do want to help where we can; further information will follow on what we can offer after the 'Easter break'.

I know some of you are anxious about what will happen with the planned residential trips to Eden, Porthpean and Kernow Sports & Leisure. We are in liaison with all three providers and will be in a position to give more information soon. Likewise, we will provide information on transition to secondary school as we get it.

Don't forget, although we won't be able to see you every day, we at BB are still here for you. You can still contact us for help and advice (contact details follow on the next page). We have also included some information on other sources of support too.

Mrs Carmichael



To keep us all going, we will feature a weekly 'good news' section.... If you'd like to share anything, feel free to email:
bbsecretary@celticcross.education

Welcome Surprise for Care Home Residents

Our Reception children prepared a surprise pack of pictures, letters and jokes to cheer up the residents of Grove Care Home in Charlestown. Here's what they said:

To All Our Wonderful Friends at Bishop Bronescombe School

Thank you for sending us your wonderful letters, pictures and jokes! We are keeping ourselves safe but missing our friends, family and loved ones so receiving your amazing art work was a wonderful surprise. We will be delivering your pack to every resident this afternoon and we cannot wait to see their faces light up!!

SUPPORT AND ADVICE

PSA CONTACT DETAILS—01726 64322 or 07903 613074

Monday 08:30—16:30, Wednesday 08:30—16:30 and Thursdays 08:30—13:30

Urgent requests for support and advice can be requested via our special email address:

bbsupport@celticcross.education

Please make bookings for childcare for key worker children by emailing:

bbsupport@celticcross.education

We are ensuring families entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals receive their entitlement. If you are experiencing a change in financial circumstances and think your child/ren would now be entitled to Free School Meals, new applications are continuing to be processed. You can apply online by completing the form via this link:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

If you are unable to apply online, please call the Free School Meals team on 01872 323298 and a member of the team will call you back to complete the application over the phone. Please make sure your phone will accept calls from a private / withheld number.

Eligibility criteria is as follows:

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you, or the child themselves in their own right, receives of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
 - Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
 - Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
 - Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
 - Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
 - Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
 - Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit - Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

OTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

Wellbeing support for students

Every Mind Matters is now tailored to support people through social distancing and home isolation. Find guidance, advice and tips on how to maintain your mental wellbeing if you need to stay at home or are worried and anxious about the outbreak. <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-anxiety-tips/>

Local Authority help for parents.

Volunteer Cornwall now have an online referral form for their Coronavirus support service (for vulnerable people who need assistance during isolation.

https://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk/coronavirusvolunteer?fbclid=IwAR2xdn1uaO4x-2LTfmTO9ccvTkmaanJl-leeX_Vm8DIMxGC6XjDM3XFYkYY .

Benefits and Coronavirus; A handy guide from Cornwall Council

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/benefits-and-coronavirus/> .

Keep an eye on this page as there is an announcement due about the governments Coronavirus crisis grant.

The Growth Hub is offering advice to businesses affected by closure. Finds links to advice and their contact details here: <https://www.ciosgrowthhub.com>

Cornwall-wide Energy Advice Service Update from Community Energy Plus:

Community Energy Plus is a Cornish charity which provides energy advice and practical help for vulnerable householders in Cornwall to achieve warmer, healthier homes.

To keep people safe and to minimise the spread of COVID-19 we have suspended home visits. However we are continuing to provide advice over the phone to people living across all housing tenures in Cornwall. This includes:

- ☐ Advice for pre-pay meter clients about topping up meters during COVID-19.
- ☐ Help to understand energy bills, switch tariffs, manage energy debt and other issues with energy suppliers. We can advocacy support to help you speak to your energy supplier if needed.
- ☐ Access to grants for heating repairs and upgrades, insulation and other energy efficiency measures.
- ☐ Advice on saving energy and money.
- ☐ Advice on reducing condensation and mould.
- ☐ Links to services provided by other local and national organisations.

Outset Cornwall For those seeking support with self-employment, Outset Cornwall is now able to continue its support and reach out to communities by switching to an online programme delivery with of **all** training. The use of online training room to hold Outset Cornwall sessions seems like a great alternative. Individuals will still be able to interact with their advisor and the other people that attend the session, as well as see the slides that they are using on your computer screen. Their advisors will connect through webinars, phone calls and maintain contact with each individual. This might also be a good time to introduce you to their additional training platform, Outset Online, which they automatically get free access to once they have signed up to the programme. There is a wealth of experience on the platform, and clients can work through the online lessons to create a business plan, or dip in and out to find out more information about a certain topic to help with their business idea.

Contact rosie.laurent@outset.org to find out more.

Action for Children online digital support for parents is up and running for parents of 0-19 year olds. (previously was under 5s) Parents can speak either online or via phone about anything really from finances to behaviour to worry and anxiety. <https://talk.actionforchildren.org.uk/>