

“Working together to achieve our best”

Our theme for worship this half term is **Hope**

CEO's Blog 22nd January 2021—What's new?

I have two important pieces of news to share with you this week. Firstly, lateral flow testing for staff in primary schools starts next week. This means that members of staff coming into school will be able to take a twice-weekly COVID-19 test on a voluntary basis. We hope that this additional precautionary measure will help to reassure staff and families.

Secondly, a remote learning questionnaire will be circulated to all parents/carers in the next couple of weeks so that we can see what is going well with our remote learning provision and what could be improved. We want to hear the views of our parents/carers so that we can share successful practice across the trust and evaluate and rethink aspects that are not working as well as they might.

Finally, I want to share with you one of the many supportive comments our schools have been receiving over the last few weeks. Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to show staff how much you value them – it is appreciated: “I just wanted to say huge thanks to the staff at the school for getting us parents through the first week of lockdown so smoothly. I can't imagine how much work it has been for you all in really challenging circumstances” (parent from Great Witley).

Stay safe and stay in touch,

Kate Brunt
CEO

Message from St. Peter's PTA

The PTA will be meeting via Microsoft Teams at 7.15pm on Tuesday 2nd February. All parents, carers and guardians are welcome to attend. Please do join us to find out more about how the PTA is raising important funds to support school and how you can get involved! Please follow this link to join the online meeting: [St.Peter's PTA Meeting](#)

[Tuesday 2nd February 2021](#)

Snow Fun

We have been joined by some new friends in the play-ground today... at least until the sun comes back out to play!



Parents' Evening

Parents' evening bookings will go live on Wednesday 27th January. An email invite will be sent to contact 1 which will include a link to choose your preferred day/time. The appointments will be 10 minutes, held virtual via TEAMS on Monday 8th or Wednesday 10th February, 2021. Please arrive to your virtual meeting a few minutes early to ensure you have your full 10 minute appointment.



Free Family Learning Courses - places available for courses beginning 1st February

Please see below a list of courses which are currently FREE to access on line:

Making & Using Story Sacks – Encourage Imagination

<https://rebrand.ly/StorySacks>

Book & Cook – Healthy, affordable cooking

<https://rebrand.ly/BookCook>

Time for You – Improve Parents Mental Health & Wellbeing

<https://rebrand.ly/Time-For-You>

Time for You – Your turn to Learn – Empowering Parents to consider their own future to improve their family outcomes

<https://rebrand.ly/TimeToLearn-YourTurnToLearn>

Nurture Course for Parents/carers of SEND

<https://rebrand.ly/Nurture-SEND>

Magnificent Maths – helping parents with Early Years Maths skills

<https://rebrand.ly/MagnificentMaths>

Parents/carers can search for the course title to book on at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses or ring 01905 844322 for support to book onto a course. Alternatively, please contact Mrs Watts in school.



Here2Help is a community action response to COVID-19. It provides help and support for Worcestershire residents. They are able

to offer support to families. If you are vulnerable and need help during this difficult time but are unable to seek help from family, friends and neighbours, please visit their website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help or alternatively a phone number has been set up for those who can't access the internet. The dedicated number is **01905 768053**, then press option 3. The Here2Help opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.0pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm.



Winter Clothing

For those children currently attending the critical worker hub—as the temperature is getting colder, please ensure that children are wrapped up in additional layers underneath their uniforms, winter coats, hat and gloves and suitable footwear. Please also ensure that each individual item is clearly named, thank you.

Children's Entertainment

Blue Peter children's TV show have launched Blue Peter on YouTube that is suitable for 5-11 year olds. The videos include world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. You can subscribe for free at <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter>



Pupil Premium

If your circumstances have changed at home you may now be eligible for free school meals. The [attached form](#) details the eligibility criteria and it is simple to apply by either:

Print, complete and return the attached Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Application Form to the school office (if you do not have access to a printer a form can be requested from the school office).

Or

You can apply direct online at: http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals

When your application has been processed and we have received confirmation from WCC of your eligibility or otherwise, we will contact you to arrange your access to the benefits, which include:

- An annual uniform voucher for up to 2 jumpers or cardigans
- A contribution to trips and events
- A contribution to enrichment activities, such as after school clubs
- Free daily child's serving of milk
- Targeted support during class times

Please complete and return the information as soon as possible to access these benefits.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.