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Keeping In Touch Newsletter 1

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WOW, what a couple of weeks!!

I hope that you and your families are all keeping well and not suffering cabin fever too much!

Things here have continued to be busy. I receive emails daily from County to keep me updated and busy. It's actually a pleasure to be writing this and doing one of my normal tasks!

Being in the building without the hustle and bustle is really strange. I am missing all the children, their smiling faces and 'Good morning' greetings. I do also miss the gentle reminders to 'walk' down the corridors— you know who you are!! The building is not the same without them.

I know that this is a very difficult time for you all and that for some, the home learning experience is tough. As a mother of two teenage girls, I can sympathise with you all in trying to get your children to do the work!! You are all doing a great job and we all appreciate all your hard work to support your children in their learning at home.

The term ends this Friday so you can all relax and enjoy some special family time. Summer Term starts with lessons again on Monday 20th April. Teachers are currently working on creating a document with tasks and links and these will be available on the school website on Monday 20th in your class folders.

Attached at the end of this newsletter is a sheet with games to play with scrabble tiles—if you don't have these you could make some on card.

Mrs Munday

Share Your Learning With Us

We would love to see what you have been learning and doing at home. If you are happy for photographs to be shared on the upcoming newsletters, which will be available on the school website, please send them to your class teachers' e-mail addresses:

Rainbow - rainbow@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Red - red@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Blue - blue@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Purple - purple@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Green - green@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Orange - orange@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Yellow - yellow@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing all of your wonderful photos!

A Message for Rainbow Class

Hello Rainbow Class,

We are missing you all so much. We miss your laughter, your smiles, your singing, dancing, watching you learn and grow but most of all we are missing all the fun we have together. We hope you are well and that you are enjoying this time with your families.

Many of you have been doing your work in the folders we sent home and have sent in some amazing photographs. They have really made us smile and made us realise how much you have learnt since you started school. We are so proud of all of you and how hard you have worked. Every single one of you is amazing! We have been working hard too!

We've been planning some exciting and fun things for you to do at home after the Easter holiday. Also, We've had chance to catch up on some things that we've been putting off for some time. These include: cleaning windows, washing cars and gardening. Mrs Eaves has also been trying to make a toy 'Tricky Troll' so that he can help us, when we get back to school, with our tricky words.

Have a fabulous Easter, don't eat too much chocolate and remember to help your family around the house.

Keep safe.

From

Mrs Eaves, Mrs Connell and Mrs Maryon

A Message for Red Class

Hello Red Class,

I hope you are all well and enjoying spending lots of time at home with your families. Mrs Ward, Mrs Pepper and myself all miss seeing you everyday and hearing your stories and news. I hope the learning packs have helped to keep you busy and occupied while you have lots of extra time at home, but I also hope you have had the opportunity to play lots of fun games, help out at home and spend quality time with your loved ones. The adults have been busy preparing some new activities for the Summer term which will help you to continue learning from home. I'm looking forward to getting lots of jobs done in my garden and around the house over the Easter holidays. I hope you all have a relaxing and safe Easter holiday, but don't eat too much chocolate! I look forward to hearing what you have all been up to.

Keep safe at home,

Miss Brand, Mrs Ward and Mrs Pepper

A Message for Blue Class

Dear Blue Class,

Miss Bagg, Mrs Raby, Mrs Shinn and I hope you are all well and having lots of fun doing your learning at home. I have been doing my work at home, as well, but I'm also enjoying having time to read lots of books, I've read three so far this week!

I have been looking at our topic focus for after the Easter holidays, which will be 'Africa' and I have put together some ideas for things that you might like to have a go at whilst you are at home. Don't forget that I would love to see any work that you have done, so remember to save it to share with me when we are back at school.

See you soon

Miss Carpenter, Miss Bagg, Mrs Raby and Mrs Shinn

A Message for Purple Class

Hello Purple Class,

We hope you are all well and that yourselves and your families are keeping safe. Mrs Titmarsh and I miss seeing all of your smiling, happy faces everyday. We hope that you've been able to give the learning packs a go. It has been nice hearing from some of you through the class email and hearing that you've been working hard. Keep sending us updates, we love to see them! During this time, we hope that you've been spending lots of time with your families having lots of fun. I've been working on planning activities for you to do at home after the Easter holidays. I have also found the time to do some fun things such as making an owl and singing along with the choir I attend through video calls. Enjoy the Easter holidays, give yourselves a break and the time to do the things you enjoy.



Keep safe and speak to you soon,
Miss Knight and Mrs Titmarsh

A Message for Green Class

Green Class,

I think it is fair to say that this hasn't been the end to the term that we were expecting! Myself and Mrs Scott are really proud of the way that Green Class managed themselves through the upheaval of the last week in school, staying focused and producing quality work all the way through.

We hope you have all found ways to keep learning and have tried to keep yourselves up to date, especially with your reading which was going really well. We know that everyone has had to make changes and these are days that you will remember when you are older, for all kinds of reasons. What is important is that you try to do the best that you can.

Just so that you know, teachers and TAs have had to adapt too. Mr Davies has had to set up a new desk to work from...easier now that his house move has been delayed. Mrs Scott will be showing how she has adapted to the situation in the next newsletter. If you have any pictures of your new ways of working from home, please send them to the Green mailbox. It would be good to share what Green Class are getting up to in the next newsletter.



Look after yourselves and keep washing your hands.

Mr Davies and Mrs Scott

A Message for Orange Class

Hello Orange Class,

I hope you are all well and keeping yourselves safe at home. It has been lovely to hear from some of you via our class email and seeing some of the wonderful learning you have been doing. As for me, I have been busy writing your reports and planning lots of fun and engaging activities to keep you all busy. As well as bossing Mr Riley around to complete jobs at home and teaching my own three children every day. I hope you have all been having a go at the learning I set before Easter and as always, reading as much as possible. Myself, Ms Armiger and Mrs Fey are missing you all and everyone at school and look forward to seeing you soon.

Stay safe,

Mrs Riley, Ms Armiger and Mrs Fey

A Message for Yellow Class

Hello Yellow Class

I hope that you are all well. These certainly are unusual times and I hope that you are all dealing with them okay. I am sure that it feels very strange not being at school (it does for me too).

With regard to school, I am so, so proud of the stamina that you have built up in preparing for your SATs. You've all made excellent progress and that's due to your determination to want to be really successful. Please, please continue to build on this, as you owe it to yourselves to be the very best you can be. Keep working hard with the home learning; make yourselves, your family and me proud!

Remember to keep your minds and bodies healthy outside of learning time too. Keep active in the garden, do things that you enjoy doing; this is a good opportunity to learn a new skill. Apart from doing school work at home, I've been trying to keep myself active and healthy too. I am: reading every day (hope you all are too); doing half-an-hour of exercise and we're playing board games, as a family, some nights - which has been great fun! The new skills that I am thinking about learning are: to learn to knit and produce a hat for Mr Summers (he wasn't as keen on the idea as me!) and to learn some British Sign Language. I'll keep you posted on how I get on.

We miss you all very much and we hope that you are not driving your parents mad! Have a lovely Easter!

Kindest regards

Mrs Summers, Miss Bagg, Mrs Calver and Mrs Secker

E-Safety

With so many people accessing and using the internet during these times, it is important that children are using the internet safely. Here is a poster for you to share with your children to remind them of how to stay safe online.

The poster features five speech bubble icons at the top, each containing a letter: S (green), M (blue), A (orange), R (pink), and T (green). Below each letter is a corresponding rule box. The 'A' box includes a photo of a girl shouting. The 'R' box includes a photo of a boy lying on the floor using a laptop. The 'S' box includes a photo of a boy shouting into a megaphone.

- SHARE RESPONSIBLY**
We all love to share photographs, fun things we're doing and much more.
Be careful what you share and always ask permission if somebody else is in the photo or video.
- MANAGE your PRIVACY**
If you're using apps that can communicate with others, turn on privacy.
Only let people you really know follow you unless you've asked permission from your parents.
- ASK for HELP**
Don't ever be worried about asking for help from someone you trust.
You will NOT be judged.
- RESPECT OTHERS**
Be kind.
Other people may have different opinions from you.
That's okay, but if they become abusive, take screenshots, block and report and tell an adult.
- THINK CRITICALLY**
TRUST your INSTINCT
Is it true?
Does that person really know me?
Has that really happened?
Always question!

If anything worries you,
or if you need help with something, speak to:

Well-being

These are very unprecedented times, and extremely worrying for all. We know that this is a difficult time for you and your children and we want to support you as best we can. Please see a links below which might help you and your children through this difficult time.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Some things you can do to help with your well-being:

With many parents worried over children missing education while the schools are closed, please be mindful of the need to focus on your child's mental health too.

5 steps to positive mental wellbeing

1 Connect

Ensure children stay connected with their friends. Whether that's an hour a day on social media, a gaming platform, or on the telephone - help them stay connected with friends or family.



2 Be active

Put an hour aside a day for physical activity. If it's dry go outside and have a kick-about. Encourage exercise into your daily routine. Eat well and drink lots of water.



3 Take notice

Be present. Chat to your children about their feelings and emotions. There's a lot of uncertainty going on around the world. Talk about those, but keep perspective and take information from reliable sources - government and public health, not social media and rumours.



4 Keep learning

You've got time with the children - learn a new hobby, start learning a new instrument, read together, read alone, bake - anything to help stimulate the brain. Do challenges.

5 Give

Encourage kindness and encourage children to share - give time at the end of each day to reflect and learn the art of appreciation and gratitude. Get the kids to think about things that people have done that have been nice and be thankful of that.



Above and Beyond!

Friday is normally my 'Above and Beyond' award and hot chocolate with the head.

As **you and your children have all gone Above and Beyond**, I would like to congratulate you all, and invite you to join me in a synchronised "Hot Chocolate with the Head" at 2.30pm this afternoon (Friday 3rd April).

Get the hot chocolate out (you can have tea, coffee or juice) and the biscuits and we can all join in a remote 'congratulations'. Pictures can be taken and shared via the teachers emails – we will then collate these and create a montage of photos.

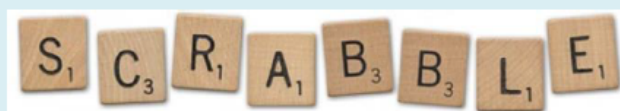
Government Advice:

Can I please remind you about the importance of following the Government's advice to help us **stop the spread** of the Coronavirus. We can all play our part in making a difference and saving lives:

Everyone **must stay at home** to help stop the spread of coronavirus. You should only leave the house for 1 of 4 reasons:

- Shopping for basic necessities, for example; food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible
- One form of exercise a day, for example; a run, walk, or cycle – alone or with members of your household
- Any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- Travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home

Please take care and I will see you all again as soon as the school re-opens; in the meantime, stay safe.



Games to Play Using Scrabble Tiles

Write individual letters on post-it notes/pieces of paper if you don't have Scrabble at home!

Scavenger Hunt	<p>Pick a tile from the bag. How many items in the house/garden can you find that start with that letter?</p> <p>One player – time yourself! Can you beat your score each time you start with a new letter?</p> <p>Multi-player – who can find the most items starting with the letter or who can find a suitable item the fastest?</p>																																				
Countdown	Sort the tiles into vowels and consonants. Choose 9 tiles – a combination of vowels and consonants. How many words can you make in 5 minutes using the letters shown?																																				
Anagrams	Display all the tiles face up. Take it in turns to use the tiles to build a 3 letter word of your choice. Scramble the letters up and ask your partner to work out what your word is. Move on to 4 letter words if they guess correctly... then 5 letter words... keep going!																																				
Categories	<p>Choose 5 categories (e.g. countries, fruit, animals, film titles and sport). Select five random tiles (no duplicates). Draw a grid like the one below to write answers in. In this game you have to write a word/phrase for each category beginning with each letter. The first person to complete the grid is the winner!</p> <p>E.g.</p> <table><tr><th></th><th>Country</th><th>Fruit</th><th>Animal</th><th>Film</th><th>Sport</th></tr><tr><td>A</td><td>Argentina</td><td>Apple</td><td>Ape</td><td>Aladdin</td><td>Archery</td></tr><tr><td>L</td><td>Latvia</td><td>Lemon</td><td>Lemur</td><td>Leroy and Stitch</td><td>Lawn tennis</td></tr><tr><td>C</td><td>Canada</td><td>Clementine</td><td>Cat</td><td>Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs</td><td>Cricket</td></tr><tr><td>R</td><td>Romania</td><td>Raspberry</td><td>Rabbit</td><td>Raya and the Last Dragon</td><td>Rugby</td></tr><tr><td>S</td><td>Spain</td><td>Strawberry</td><td>Sloth</td><td>Sonic the Hedgehog</td><td>Sailing</td></tr></table>		Country	Fruit	Animal	Film	Sport	A	Argentina	Apple	Ape	Aladdin	Archery	L	Latvia	Lemon	Lemur	Leroy and Stitch	Lawn tennis	C	Canada	Clementine	Cat	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Cricket	R	Romania	Raspberry	Rabbit	Raya and the Last Dragon	Rugby	S	Spain	Strawberry	Sloth	Sonic the Hedgehog	Sailing
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Bananagrams	Place all tiles face down on the table. Each player takes 21 letters. Any player can start the game by saying “SPLIT!” Everybody then turns their tiles face up and starts forming their own crossword collections of intersecting and connecting words. When a player successfully uses all their letters in a crossword, he or she says “PEEL!” and takes a tile from the bunch. When this happens, everybody has to take a tile and add it to																																				

	<p>their collection of letters. At any time (and as often as they like), a player can return a troublesome letter back to the bunch (facedown, of course). The catch is that they must take three letters in return. The player declares this by saying “DUMP!”. Play continues until there are fewer tiles in the bunch than there are players. At that point, the first player with no remaining letters shouts “BANANAS!” and is the winner!</p>
Boggle	<p>Arrange 16 tiles in a 4x4 grid. You have three minutes to find as many words as you can in the grid, according to the following rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The letters must be adjoining in a 'chain'. Letter tiles in the chain may be adjacent horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. • Words must contain at least three letters. • No letter tile may be used more than once within a single word.
Word Ladder	<p>The player is given a start word and an end word. In order to win the game, the player must change the start word into the end word progressively. Each step consists of a single letter substitution. E.g. turn ‘cold’ to ‘warm’ by forming cold – <u>co</u>rd – <u>ca</u>rd – <u>wa</u>rd – warm<u>u</u>.</p> <p>Try these:</p> <p>Turn ‘slow’ to ‘down’ Turn ‘bats’ to ‘wing’ Turn ‘farm’ to ‘milk’ Turn ‘seed’ to ‘grow’ Turn ‘hide’ to ‘find’</p>
Word Staircase	<p>Select a random tile and build a staircase using words starting with the same letter. Each new word needs to be one letter longer than the previous word.</p> <p>E.g. naughty nearly nasty nine net no n</p>
Draw It	<p>Choose a tile and draw something that begins with that letter. Can your partner guess what you have drawn? Provide clues if they get stuck.</p>