



Britannia Community Primary School

End of term reminder:

School will close at 3:30pm on Friday 12th February for the spring half-term break and will re-open for pupils on Monday 22nd February.

Important dates:

World Book Day – 4th/5 March 2021 (further details to follow)

5th March 2021 @1.30pm – Andy Tooze author assembly hosted by Andy Tooze for Britannia School only.

Important contacts:

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Dear parents

Well what a first half term of 2021 it has been! We have all developed so much together and I am exceptionally proud of all that our school community has achieved. At home, you have battled through the tricky days to support your children with their learning and you are all continuing to work alongside us in a way that you should be proud of. Children have been accessing online lessons well and submitting work regularly. It really is lovely to see all you have achieved in your families and are continuing to achieve. In my eyes, you are all heroes.

Following half term, **we would urge children to access the online lessons daily for English and Maths** with their teachers so that they will be clear on what they need to be doing each day. There will be a new planning format placed onto the website under remote learning and the school will be moving away from Oak Academy lessons. However, teaching resources will be made available via Google Classrooms and our website in the same way. If you have any problems with computer access, please contact school as soon as possible as we may be able to support you further.

This half term, it is important to ensure that your child has a good rest and has time to relax. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us all and you will be able to get outdoors. The website below is fantastic for ideas of things you could do in your own garden -

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/50-things-activities-to-do-in-your-back-garden> or take part in Miss Rothwell's Photography competition. We may even put the best ones on canvas so don't forget to send them to school.

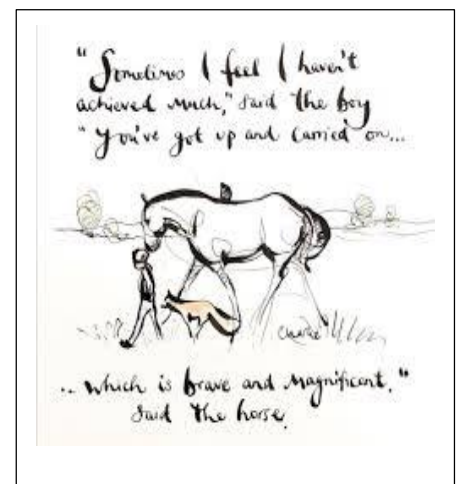
I have to say a huge well done to the Year 6 children who have planned as part of their DT a three course meal for their families. I have seen the pictures sent in by some children and it looks like they have done an amazing job. There are definitely future chefs amongst you all!

Take care and keep smiling, Mrs Longstaff

12th February 2021

Lateral Flow Testing

Lateral flow testing for all school staff has started, which involves staff members taking a home test twice a week. If any results come back positive, the bubble in school would need to be closed with immediate effect. We will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible but this type of closure could potentially happen at very short notice. Please accept my apologies should this happen.



Get Active In Rossendale:

21 Minute Challenge:

It has been lovely to see families getting involved with the 21 minute challenge on the Britannia Facebook Page and it has been great to see children getting active and having fun. If you have not yet got involved with this, please follow the link <https://www.britanniaprimary.co.uk/page/21-minute-challenge/91108> to find out more and there are even some videos to help you with ideas. Don't forget to send in your record sheets to j.rickerby@britannia.lancs.sch.uk as we will be giving out rewards to children who manage to complete the challenges. Well done to Jack and Charlie – we spotted your amazing skills!

Week 5 21 Minute Challenge

This week's challenge is Rugby! Send in your photos and videos, of what you have been up to, via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Rossendalessp> or to j.rickerby@britannia.lancs.sch.uk.

Learning Gallery

Take a look at some of the art work below based upon the work of Kurt Schwitters by our Year 4 pupils. They have completed some lovely work and should be very proud. If you would like to be in the gallery next week – please send picture of any work that your child is proud of to head@britannia.lancs.sch.uk.



Polite reminders:

If your child, or anyone in your household, starts to display any of the symptoms, they must go for a Covid test. Whilst waiting for the results, your household must all self-isolate. Please inform school immediately if this happens by emailing head@britannia.lancs.sch.uk. If your child tests positive for COVID please let the school know even if they do not attend.

If a bubble has to close, all children in that bubble must isolate for the required time period. I would urge all members of our school community to continue to follow the rules and guidance set out during this lockdown. We all need to continue to do our bit to ensure we can hopefully welcome all the children back into school sooner rather than later.



Thank you:

Thank you to all our hardworking staff and families for all you have done to support the children at Britannia over this half term. We hope you all manage to have a restful break.

Thank you to all our wonderful pupils who have made us smile every day either via Google Meet or in person.



Photography Competition:

Half-Term Photography Competition

'Take a photo of your favourite green space in Rossendale'

How to enter- Please share your photos to:

[Twitter@Rossendalessp](https://twitter.com/Rossendalessp)

[Facebook@Rossendalessp](https://www.facebook.com/Rossendalessp)

Use the hastag [#21minutechallenge](https://twitter.com/hashtag/21minutechallenge) [#PhotoChallenge](https://twitter.com/hashtag/PhotoChallenge)

Or send your entry into your school for them to send to us.

However you enter, include your name, school year group and the school you attend.

Make sure you include a creative caption and where the photo was taken.

