

28<sup>th</sup> February 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, Anning and Goodall Classes performed so well for us. Starting with the fantastic 'Ug Stomp', they shared so many aspects of their Stone Age Learning Challenge work. Wonderful paintings, fabulous felt cave people, so many facts and poems and brilliant musical performances. They really are well into their junior phase now and are doing very well as we saw yesterday. Next week the study continues at Creswell Crag. I hope you have a super time. The weather looks uncertain, so please do have layers on and a waterproof coat.

### **Parent Consultations**

We will be inviting you to book a meeting time using the Teachers2Parents online system. This is the first time we've tried to give you this option so we will be curious to find out if it is helpful. You will receive more information very soon. If you experience any challenges with it, please get in touch with the office team who will be happy to help.

It is a very important opportunity for you to come and talk through your child's work with them and meet the teachers. You'll receive valuable information regarding progress, attitude to learning and their social development in school.

You may remember the information regarding SEND – special educational needs – in my previous letters. Our additional support varies and adapts to the needs of groups of children and individuals as necessary to best help them. If your child also benefits from additional support in school (for example, phonic reading groups, targeted individual support, regular 'same day' maths support) the teachers will let you know during your meeting. Mrs Crutchley will be in the library with the books and resources we use. Mrs Crutchley will also be there to support anyone who would like to understand more about our mathematical calculations. Please do pop in and have a chat whilst you are in school.

### **New bike**

Thank you to our wonderful parents who let me know that our fantastic Crossing Patrol colleague had her bike stolen. I'm delighted to let you know that our friends at Monkey Park are replacing the stolen bike. What a fantastic community we live and work in – thank you.

### **Beat the Street**

What an amazing initial response! Having got home on Wednesday evening to my children asking to go out looking for the Boxes, I can report what enormous fun it was finding the boxes and scoring points. It is like treasure hunt and orienteering all mixed together. I also realised I need to walk more often! The fobs sent home with the children are already registered. You may like to mark them with BJS or similar in case they drop them. If you register as an adult using the card, you will be able to see the leader board. There's a little survey that will automatically give school 100 points too if you fill it in.

There is a super series of the boxes around Holmebrook Valley Park. Miss Lenthall is organising to take the classes to find the boxes using the maps and will let you know more. This is a huge resource and we must make the most of Chesterfield Council's investment. DOUBLE points in week 3 and 6 and TRIPLE points on the last day (which is in the holidays).

We've recently spoken about road safety. Please remind your child about safe places to cross, crossing codes and wearing reflective clothing. It is such fun but take those extra steps to find a safe crossing. I can't wait to bump into all of you at the boxes (which light up too!) as we score lots of points and get fit and healthy. Have a great time!

### **Basketball Team**

A huge well done to the brilliant team that went to Netherthorpe this week to represent school at the Chesterfield basketball finals. You were superb and we are all so proud of your attitude and teamwork. They came third overall. Congratulations.

### **Breaktime snacks**

We've noticed an increasing number of children with chocolate biscuits or treat type choices at morning break. This often happens when children choose an item from their lunch box. Please would you provide them with a healthy option for morning break. We'll be reminding them too in school.

### **Year Four Science Fair**

This was wonderful as I have already mentioned. I have received some extremely positive feedback with specific examples of the children's explanations and extended responses to questions asked on the day. Little did we know that professional scientists were among our visitors! The feedback shows just how deep our children's knowledge is in their study and how clearly they spoke. Taking time to give us feedback like this is treasured and always much appreciated. Thank you.

### **Brockwell's Curriculum**

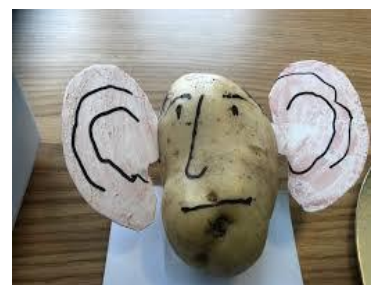
We've updated our curriculum plan and I'd am delighted to share it with you. It outlines our intention in terms of what we aim to teach and learn about during the junior phase.

Our curriculum is always evolving so there will be more changes over the term. For example, this term Mrs Summerbridge and Mrs Everitt are looking closely at art skills and musical vocabulary taught over the phase.

It is a general plan – journey through the school – and will be on our website with the learning @ Brockwell pages.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 5th MARCH**

"Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than family circumstances, more than parents' educational backgrounds or their income." The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development."



World Book Day 2020 is on Thursday March 5th and we have lots of amazing ideas to help us celebrate our passion for reading at Brockwell Junior School!



Today, in our Friday assembly, we launched our World Book Day competition. Everyone is invited to create a **famous book character using the humble potato** as a base! There are lots of starter ideas online and book token prizes will be awarded to the most imaginative and original designs. There will be one prize for each year group. Entries are welcome until the closing date – Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> - and all entries will be displayed in the hall, so



please feel free to call in at the beginning or the end of a day to take a look.

We also launched the World Book day **"Share a Million Stories"** initiative.

World Book Day organisers have invited us to join their reading revolution and help spread the love of books and reading for pleasure, both in school and at home. Their goal is one million stories shared across the UK and Ireland during World Book Day month. Your child has a target sheet in their reading journal and every time they read for ten minutes they colour in a stripe. The teachers will collect the number of stories shared and then submit to the national total which can be seen live on [worldbookday.com/share-a-million-stories](http://worldbookday.com/share-a-million-stories). ALL reading counts, and all schools that take part have the chance to win £1,000 of books each week.

On World Book Day (Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>) everyone is invited to **dress up** as a favourite book character. This is entirely **optional** and could be full fancy dress or simply coming to school with a book character prop. If your child is not dressing up, please come in usual school uniform.

If you can, **please come into school with your child and share a book** with them for our shared reading session which will begin at 8.50am and finish at 9.15 am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Throughout the day there will be book themed activities, a whole school shared reading session and a World Book Day assembly. In the afternoon we will hold a **cake sale**, with all proceeds going to Book Aid International. This charity aims to give all children world wide access to great books, and every £2.00 raised helps send another book to a child who needs it. Please donate cakes and biscuits on the morning so that we can raise as much as possible for this really worthy cause, and please allow your child some spending money on the day. PLEASE DO NOT FEEL YOU NEED TO SPEND MONEY ON EXPENSIVE COSTUMES OR PROPS.

On Thursday your child will bring home a World Book Day **voucher**. This can EITHER be swapped for one of this year's free books or entitles them to £1 off at all participating booksellers. Please make sure your child takes advantage of this great opportunity.

We are really looking forward to some World Book Day fun this month with a visit from the fantastic author **PETER BUNZL** later in the Month.

Thank you for your support!

## Coronavirus

Public Health England have sent some posters to education settings to share advice about what we should do. This is copied here for you to read. If you have travelled to countries affected by this, please give us a call and we will support you in any way we can. Current advice is to contact NHS111 if you have travelled back from categorised places as listed on the government website. This is a changing situation with information updated each afternoon.

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Public Health  
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# Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

### How serious is the coronavirus?




- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

### How likely are you to catch the virus?






- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas




### How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?


#### If you need to cough or sneeze

-  Catch it with a tissue
-  Bin it
-  Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

#### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

-  After breaks & sport activities
-  Before cooking & eating
-  SCHOOL ETC. On arrival at any childcare or educational setting
-  After using the toilet
-  Before leaving home

-  Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
-  Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles
-  If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels

 Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)


### What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

### If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately



## Public Speaking Competition

The trophies and prizes are displayed in the hall. It is underway and from what we've seen so far there's a great range of topics and so much effort. Good luck to everyone but most of all be proud of yourselves. Everyone's voice is valued no matter how short or long. Thank you again for any support you have given to your child. Many are now helping me with Powerpoint!