



Langford Budville Church of England Primary School

Langford Budville, Wellington, Somerset TA21 0RD

Telephone: 01823 400483

Email: LangfordBudville@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Website: www.langfordbudvilleprimaryschool.co.uk

Head of School: Mrs Jane Major



'Celebrating life and learning together'

Newsletter 16: 2020-21

8th February 2021

Lockdown Update 5

Dear Parents/Carers

Its half term next week – please give your children a break! I imagine most of you are feeling exhausted with keeping on top of the remote learning as well as juggling the other demands on your lives. The teachers are looking jaded too; they have made huge adaptations to the way they work, embracing unfamiliar technology and new resources, along with giving feedback to support you as you direct your children in their learning, not to mention looking after the children who are with us on site. Thank you to those parents who have sent positive feedback and edible treats over this half term – they are all much appreciated. It's such an alien way for everyone to work, but together we are all getting there, and hopefully it won't be too long before we can all meet again.

At the moment it is not clear whether schools will reopen to all children or some children on March 8th, or if the lockdown will remain in place. We hope to find out on 22nd February, with the following two weeks to prepare for the change.

Remote learning packs for the two weeks from 22nd February (after half term) up to 8th March will be delivered this week on Thursday or Friday. The school will be closed over half term, and staff will not give feedback on any work posted to ClassDojo during this period. The office email will be monitored if you need to communicate with us urgently.

World Book Day: Thursday 4th March

World Book Day is happening despite the lockdown. Mrs Lewis is planning exciting activities for you to do at home, and the Zoom calls on Thursday 4th March will be focusing on these. Dressing up will form part of the day, as usual! More information after half term.

Home Learning:

KS1: Thank you to all parents who have posted a video of their children reading on ClassDojo; this has enabled Miss Coombes to keep track of progress, to make suggestions for you to help your child make further improvement and to ensure she is sending out reading books of the appropriate level.

KS2: '500 words' stories need to be with Mrs Lewis by 3.30pm this Thursday – 11th February so she can read them over half term; more information is on your ClassDojo page. Additional reading books have been delivered to some children – if anyone needs another reading book please let staff know before Thursday so that they can be sent along with your next work pack.



Sock Olympics: great engagement!

It's not too late to start trying these fun physical challenges, devised by Mr C, Miss Coombes' fiancé. We have enjoyed looking at your Dojo images and have been impressed with the creative ways you are participating in the activities. Remember, full instructions, demonstration videos and score sheets are on your Class Story page on ClassDojo. Deadline for completed score sheets to be returned to school: Friday 5th March.

Online safety:

Everyone seemed alert and appropriately dressed in last week's Zoom calls – no pyjamas in sight – well done!

Keeping in touch – a reminder

Email or telephone the office: If you need to speak with either me or Mrs Blackmore please call or email the office. There will be someone here most days, and emails are checked throughout the day if we are working from home.

Making contact with teachers: Please use **class email** addresses or the main office email if you wish to talk about anything concerning health or wellbeing, or something of a personal nature. The **ClassDojo** site should be used for images of children's work and comments or messages related to the work. Email responses may, with your permission, need to be shared with other staff or outside support agencies – this is not possible via ClassDojo.

ClassDojo: Fantastic engagement; almost 100% of our families are communicating through this regularly. The teachers are using ClassDojo to send links for online learning, so make sure you look at the Class Story section to find the videos you need.



FLBSA News:

Stay safe, and we hope to see you all again soon.

Jane Major
8th February 2021