



Updates, information and reminders for February

Yet again, I am starting a newsletter with a sentence remarking what a strange start to the new year we have all had. Another lockdown, another school closure and increased uncertainty about when things will be back to 'normal'. Up until last week we had managed to continue at school, opening in a reduced format, to some of our children. Unfortunately, over the last 10 days, several of the staff and children who were still attending school, have tested positive for the virus and we have had to close bubbles and many of us are now self-isolating. I know that you will join me in wishing all those who are poorly, a speedy recovery and we hope to see them all again soon.

Over the last week, we have put into place all the appropriate measures and updated our Risk Management Plan. The school has also been thoroughly cleaned and sanitised ready for the return of our staff and children. We are all looking forward to welcoming everyone back – hopefully very soon!

Half term

Monday 15th February is the start of the half term break. There will not be any learning posted onto Seesaw or Tapestry during this week and all other work will be archived on the afternoon of Sunday 14th. This means that when we start back on Monday 22nd February, the children who are home learning, will have a series of new learning projects and activities. We have added some useful web links overleaf that your child may like to access over the half term if they want to keep busy!

Remote Learning (Seesaw & Tapestry)

We have been so impressed and proud of the learning that has been completed at home during this period. The children have adapted very well and their attitude to their work has been incredible. The support and patience that you have given your children, and us, has been admirable. Being a parent too, although mine have all left home now, I can only imagine how stressful this has been for many of you - I would have been a wreck if it had been me! You are and have been amazing! Please reflect and take a moment to realise this. On behalf of all the staff at Beccles, we applaud you and want to say a huge thank you!

Parent Survey

*We would really like some feedback about our remote learning, particularly the use of Seesaw and Tapestry. Please could I ask that you take a couple of minutes to complete this survey by Tuesday February 16th. It would really help us to know what is going well and what we need to improve on. **Please complete ONE survey for each child, as your feedback may vary between classes and year groups.** Thank you in advance.*

The link to the survey can be found here:

[Remote Learning Parent Survey](#)

Information Technology updates

This term, we have had a major update to our technology in school. This has meant a new broadband, cabling and server, meaning that we have a far superior system to before. All existing IT resources have been upgraded and we have also been able to purchase some new laptops and tablets for both staff and children. We are also in the process of migrating over to Office 365 (changing from Google to Microsoft) which will have a slight impact on school systems. The main difference will be a change in all the school email addresses and our website. The new details for these will be available shortly. A very exciting time for us all!

The Shop

After half term, The Shop will be back open on a Wednesday morning (9am – 11am) and a Friday afternoon (1pm – 3:30pm) We have temporarily relocated The Shop to a classroom at the front of school. It is clearly signposted, and everyone is welcome. Please bring your own bag to collect your items.

On Tuesday February 16th (in half term) The Shop will be open from 9:30am – 12:00pm. *Morrisons have also donated 30 free children's lunches to us and these will be available for collection on that day too. Don't forget to bring a bag to collect your items!*

Have a great half term holiday and hopefully see you all again soon!

TERM DATES 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

5th January – 26th March

Spring Half Term

15th February – 19th February

Summer Term 2021

13th April – 16th July

Summer Half Term

31st May – 4th June

PD Days

4th January

12th April

19th July

20th July

USEFUL LINKS

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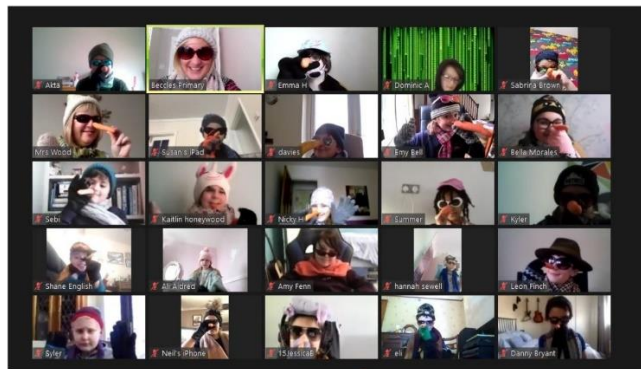
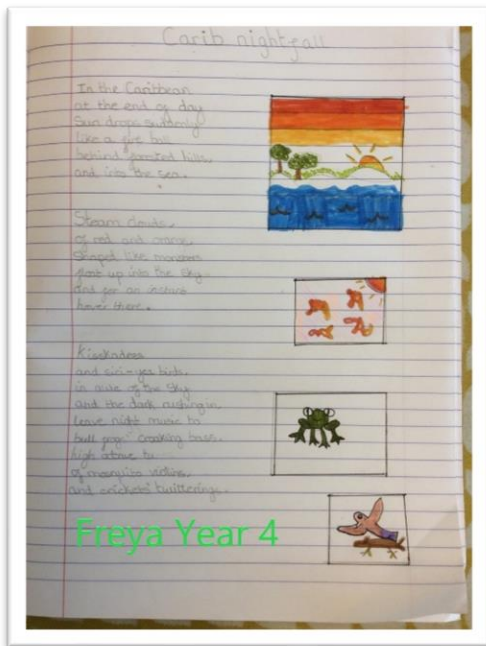
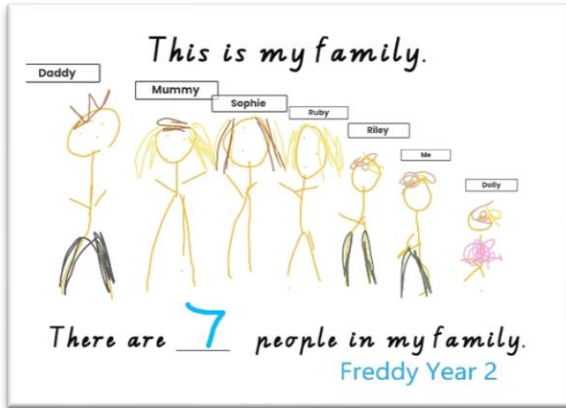
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