BISCOVEY NEWS





Spring Term 2021

Home Learning and Staying Connected



We are so proud of all of our children and parents for the effort that they are putting into their learning during this difficult time. We recognise that this lockdown has brought with it many challenges and the circumstances for everyone are different. We can all only do our best whether that's managing a family, home schooling, working or all of those things! We understand that it can get tough and as a school we will try to do whatever we can to support you. We are a community at Biscovey and we will get through this together.

It is our duty as a school to provide home learning which reflects what the children would be doing in school, although we do

understand that this is not always achievable outside of the classroom. We hope that the head's weekly challenge and 'daily do's' have been a way of redressing the sometimes, stressful balance of being a parent and learning at home with fun ideas that the whole family can do together.

The most popular way of connecting with parents is through Facebook and Twitter. If you have not already, please like our <u>Facebook page</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u>.

Parent Survey

We have sent out a parent survey to gain your views about home learning. Your feed back is vital in supporting us to get this right for our families so please look out for the survey and take the time to complete it. Thank you.

Times Tables Wall of Fame

Rock Hero Status		Most Active Classes
Henry S	Kai C	1 st – Hawthorn
Oscar W	Jacob L	2 nd – Rowan
Charlotte S	Abi B	3 rd – Holly
Kenny C	Johan P	
Alfie B	Haydn D	
Neo J	Alfie H	
Layton P	Finley O	
Riley M	Lily L	
Marley R		

TTRS Tournament

Don't forget, we are taking part in the Aspire TTRS tournament where we will be battling it out with all the other Aspire schools. We made it to 7th place last year so it would be great if we could get further up the leader board this time. Remember this is a team effort and everyone's points count. If there are children who haven't played for a while, now is the time to get back into it. TTRS is a fun and effective way of learning multiplication and division facts which will massively support children's general maths skills and confidence.

Getting children reading during lockdown

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a



better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background. Your child already has access to our Reading Buddy scheme but there are lots of other free resources out there to help encourage your child to find something that they enjoy reading. We have listed some of these below: Oxford Owl ebooks – A range of free ebooks pitched at your child's age or reading level.

Oak Academy and National Literacy Trust – A free book a week and videos from favourite children's authors.

The Week Junior – A current affairs magazine for 8–14 year olds. Get first 6 issues free.

<u>Storytime Online</u> – Free to access online stories organised by age group and read by their authors and illustrators.

Free School Meals Update

Everyone entitled to FSM will have received a voucher this week so please get in touch if you haven't. Moving forward the vouchers will be coming from Edenred and will be the same as the previous lockdown in March. If you are unsure about this or would like any guidance please email us on hello@biscovey.org.uk

Food Supplies

We have plenty of food supplies left in school from our generous donations. Please feel free to come to the school between 10am-2pm to collect some if you need anything or during school pick up or drop off if your child is currently attending school.

Food packages are also being made available through the local council and can be collected from St Blazey Recycle, Reuse, Resale which is situated opposite St Blazey Co-op, behind the therapy shop through the green gates. Collections are Monday 10-1 and Friday 10-1. If you are interested please get in touch and we can arrange this for you.

We also have some vouchers for the St Austell foodbank available. Our school Parent Support Advisor (PSA) is Mrs Gill.

Cookery Classes

Cllr Pauline Giles is starting family cookery classes on Saturday 23 January at 11am, accessed via St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale facebook page via a facebook live event.

Families interested in joining in, please email Pauline gilespauline62@gmail.com food items will be supplied to families in the PL24 postcode area, to ensure everyone wanting to, can join in.



Thank you for your support and stay safe everyone