

For I know the Plans I have for you declared the Lord...Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11



Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, I wanted to say a HUGE thank you and a massive well done to all of you that are helping your children to do their education from home. We know what a difficult challenge this may be for you all, balancing your own lives and keeping work going and we really appreciate everything you are doing to keep the children engaged and motivated. Don't please feel under pressure to do everything- do go for family walks or do some cooking together at times too as we all try to make our way through this lock down and to keep safe from the pandemic. You are all doing a fantastic job!



Children's Mental Health Week

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

At Blaby Stokes we believe it is so important to always consider the wellbeing of our School and our community.

The theme of Children's Mental Health Week is 'Express Yourself' and we have planned some activities and work linked to this for this coming week. On Friday we will have a special 'Dress to Express Yourself' day which all children can take part in. If you'd like to make a voluntary contribution to the PTA who are fundraising for new playground markings, then that would be fantastic too: children at home and at school can join in! They may like to dress in their favourite clothes, or do their hair differently, or wear a costume that they like? We will be having a whole school assembly, including for children learning at home, on Friday afternoon- more details later this week on how to join that assembly!

School email address Facebook, Twitter and website

We are aware that some people may still be trying to use our old email address so would like to be sure you know the new one which is : office@bsp.learnat.uk and our new website, if you've not seen it is at www.blabystokes.co.uk.

Our Facebook page is [Blaby Stokes CE Primary School](#) and the PTA have [Blaby Stokes PTA](#). Our Twitter page is [@blabystokes](#) and the PTA is [@Blaby-stokes.pta](#)

Reading tutorial for parents

If you are helping your children to read at home, Mrs Smart has found this excellent YouTube video which is a quick 16 minute tutorial for parents: we'd really recommend you have a look at it!

[\(1\) Confident Readers: A workshop for parents - YouTube](#)

Ofsted Parent View

There is an Ofsted parental questionnaire form that you may wish to complete to help us to know your views about the school and some of the things we are trying to do together to turn around the last 'inadequate' Ofsted inspection back in 2017. Ofsted are not conducting full inspections of schools during the pandemic but they could any time to see what we are doing with COVID restrictions and how we have reacted to the challenges being faced.

After that, we hope to be inspected as soon as they are able to come into schools again so that we can show them how good we now are! We know we're not perfect yet and every school has something to work on- even the 'outstanding' ones but we have a good story to tell about our improved curriculum, about the standards the children are achieving, about the new focus we have on making our school shine and about our really positive relationship with parents and families! The Governing Body has been hugely strengthened and are really helping to bring skills and expertise to the leadership of the school, alongside the excellent support we receive from our trust colleagues at Learn At.

We are so grateful for all the kind messages of support we have had lately and the lovely treats and goodies people have been sending in to make us smile! Thank you all so much. The kindness in our community is really special and something we can't wait for Ofsted to see for themselves!

Don't forget-if there is ever something you are not happy about- please come and talk to us about it so that we can try to help. Feedback in this way is really appreciated as ultimately, we all want the same thing- which is a great school for your children to kick start their education! The link is here if you would like to take a look, Thank you so much.

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Wellbeing Wave

We would love our children to be part of a WELLBEING WAVE project as part of Children's Mental Health Week. I talked to the children about this in assembly on Friday.

It's a very simple idea that we have joined with our other trust schools on – everyone draws around and decorates a picture of their hand and then displays the result in the window at home. The idea is then that the pictures can be spotted as people are out for a walk in our community. You could even turn it into a search for the 'waves' to see how many you can spot? The aim is that the waves will help us all to feel just that bit more connected to each other during this time when it's hard to interact with each other. With huge thanks to our friends at Kibworth Primary School for the idea!



Stay safe and keep looking after one another,

Mrs Rodger