

Dear Parents,

This is the edition of the Newsletter in which I usually refer to the **beginning of the Summer Term** and mention exams, sports day, pupils allowed on the field, unrelenting sunshine, leavers' ball, sponsored walk, reward trips and numerous other activities. Sadly, this is not going to be a normal Summer Term for any of us. It is a frustrating and worrying time for everyone, but if we all

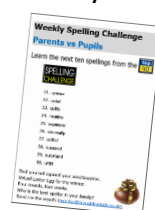
ClassCharts adhere to the Government advice, we can protect ourselves, our community and the NHS from Coronavirus. So, today is officially the start of the Summer Term. **By now you and your son/daughter ought to have received the work** for this week. All the tasks are designed to be accessible and appropriate for all pupils, with opportunity for teachers to provide comments and ClassCharts. The majority of activities involve our VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) Firefly which allows pupils to upload their responses so teachers can see the amount of time, effort and success they have had completing each of the tasks. As you will have quickly realised, learning at home is not



the same as learning at school. Parents are not expected, nor required to become surrogate 'teachers'. All we ask is that you take an interest in the work and ensure that it is completed to the highest possible standard. One

thing you can do with your son/daughter is to tackle the **'Spelling Challenge'** together and attempt the **'Spot the Errors'** page attached to this newsletter.

Life at school without all the 900+ pupils is not the same. Broughton is a vibrant, lively, happy and good-natured environment in which to learn and we miss your sons/daughters. "The sooner they are back the better" (I can hear this refrain being chanted in every household in the Preston area!)



Despite no pupils, we continue to plan for the future. Over the coming weeks, we shall be interviewing several potential new members of staff using Microsoft Teams, we shall be finalising all the building/environment improvements over the Summer Term and preparing to welcome 180 new Year 7 pupils in September. As you will recall, the Summer Term for Year 6 children is usually dominated by SATs, a production and preparing to start High School. We shall be in close contact with all partner Primary Schools to ensure that the transition process is as smooth as ever. Over the weekend you will have read/heard about two new initiatives, both endorsed by the Government, to help pupils/parents with all aspects of home learning.



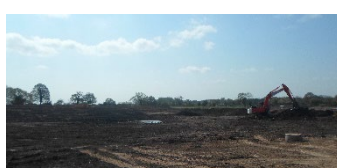
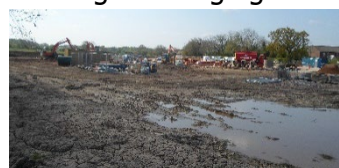
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.thenational.academy>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bitesize-daily-schedules-teach/zdwtwjhv>

These are extensive, well-resourced websites that can definitely help. We shall explore them a little more to see how they can be incorporated into our materials.

Finally, one aspect of school which is constantly changing as the weeks proceed, is the view. The housing development, adjacent to the field and accessed from Sandygate Lane, continues at an unrelenting pace and, like everywhere, more housing is changing landscapes everywhere, sadly.



On behalf of all staff and governors, I wish you and your family the very best of health. Please continue to follow all Government advice in terms of social distancing and ensuring your son/daughter remains at home. **Your support, involvement and cooperation is very much appreciated.** If you wish to contact me about any aspect of life here at Broughton, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is morrisc@broughtonhigh.co.uk.

Chris Morris, Headteacher

Levels of anxiety in the home, and indeed throughout the country, will understandably be high during this difficult time. Two mental health professionals who have worked with Broughton in PSHE lessons are launching a weekly webinar series called '**The Mental Health Family Hour.**' These sessions will look at a range of issues including negative thoughts, stress, social media and many more. These sessions will be available every Tuesday at 10am, starting on the 21st April. They are aimed at people of any age.

The first live session will be on the 21st April at 10.00am. The link is www.twitch.tv/mindsetbydave. All you have to do is click the link on Tuesday morning to be directed to the live feed. There is also a taster webinar on anxiety which is available to watch now: <https://youtu.be/wZKO4sb9BAk>. Alternatively, search 'The Mental Health Family Hour' on YouTube.

We hope that families will find these sessions useful, and we will ensure that you have access to all the sessions as they become available.

Mr Lynn

Jack Dunsmuir (11N) to join the RAF

Earlier this month, Jack Dunsmuir passed his interview with the RAF where he has applied to become an **Aircraft Technician**. Jack was the youngest candidate to be interviewed and he is now awaiting a date for his fitness test.

Jack should be extremely proud of himself. This is a wonderful achievement and I am sure he has a very successful career ahead of him.

Very well done.



Mr Morris

Easter Bakes

Many of you are cooking and baking during this time. It is a super way to include in your daily routine and also enjoy as a family. Please send pictures and recipes of your dishes to newtonv@broughtonhigh.co.uk



Halle Nicholson, Year 10 prepared a Carrot Cake for her Mum and her NHS colleagues to say 'Thank You'.



Louis Goodman, Year 7 is missing the super food in the canteen and has made his own Fruit Teacakes, which were delicious.



Mrs Higham has been busy making Pear and Blueberry Muffins, which are low fat and low sugar. They are delicious and disappearing fast.



Mrs Newton

Fundraising for the NHS

Our six year old daughter, Flo, has been desperate to do something for the brave nurses and doctors in the NHS, as well recognising all of the brilliant key workers, who are working through this Covid-19 pandemic to keep us all safe.



Flo will be using her one hour of daily exercise to raise as much money as possible by completing a 52 mile duathlon in one week. Starting on the 18th April, Flo will be either running or riding her bike to cover the equivalent of two marathons. So far, she has completed a 4.5 mile run and a 10 mile bike ride. Needless to say her little legs were shattered by the end of it! Today we are aiming for a 5 mile run.



In just 2 days, Flo has raised £1127, which is a fantastic achievement. As you can imagine we are very proud of her.

If you would like to contribute to the NHS fund, no matter how big or small, simply search for 'Flo's 52 mile duathlon' on www.justgiving.com.

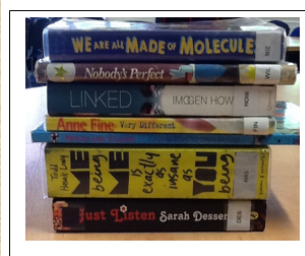


Flo has asked me to say 'Hello' to all of the pupils at Broughton and she hopes you are all safe and well. Best wishes to all.

Mr Bailey

Library Competitions

Thank you to all those who have completed the '**Book to Screen**' quiz on the LRC page of Firefly so far. We have had some great efforts and ClassCharts points have been awarded to all those who have entered. The quiz is still running this week if you would like to take part. Today we launch our new library competition for this half term. We are inviting all pupils to create some '**Book Spine Poetry**'. The idea is to browse through your book shelves at home and write a poem, using the titles of books only. Below are a couple of examples. Simply email a photo of the books (if you have them to hand) and/or a copy of your poem to the library at whitlocka@broughtonhigh.co.uk. As always, there will be ClassCharts points for entries and it would be great to feature some of the poems in the newsletter and on the LRC page on Firefly. It's a lovely way to look at books you may never have looked at before and use your imagination. If you do not wish to use the books you have, look for inspiration online or search your memory for titles you have read over the years to create and send in your poem. (If you are not sending in a book photograph with your poem, it would be helpful if you could include the authors' names). We know how creative you all are and look forward to reading your entries. A prize will be awarded to the best poem on our return to school.



Just Listen

Me being me is exactly as
insane as you being you

Heroes and Villains

Very different

Linked

Nobody's perfect

We are all made of molecules



Let it snow

The white darkness

Splintered light

The quietness

Shiver

Not the end of the world

I'll give you the sun

Mrs Whitlock

Weekly Spelling Challenge

Parents vs Pupils

Learn the next ten spellings from the



SPELLING CHALLENGE

- 31. que**ue**
- 32. qui**et**
- 33. qui**te**
- 34. rece**ive**
- 35. separ**ate**
- 36. sincer**ely**
- 37. skil**ful**
- 38. succ**eed**
- 39. surpr**ised**
- 40. un**til**

Test yourself against your son/daughter.

Virtual Easter Egg for the winner.

Four rounds, four weeks.

Who is the best speller in your family?

Send me the results (morrisc@broughtonhigh.co.uk).



Currencies



Australia - Pound	China - Yen
Denmark – Euro	Egypt - Dollar
France – Franc	Hungary – Euro
India – Dollar	Japan – Yuan
Mexico - Dollar	Poland – Euro
Russia – Ruska	South Africa – Dollar
Turkey – Euro	Switzerland – Euro
Sweden – Euro	Argentina – Dollar
Cyprus – Pound	Croatia – Euro
Norway – Euro	Saudi Arabia - Dollar

Currencies



Did you know the correct currencies?

Australia – Aus. Dollar	China - Yuan
Denmark – Krone	Egypt – Egyptian Dollar
France – Euro	Hungary – Forint
India – Rupee	Japan – Yen
Mexico - Peso	Poland – Zloty
Russia – Rouble	South Africa – Rand
Turkey – Lira	Switzerland – Swiss Franc
Sweden – Krona	Argentina – Peso
Cyprus – Euro	Croatia – Kuna
Norway – Krone	Saudi Arabia – Saudi Rial