



Brinkworth Earl Danby's C of E Primary School

Believe to Achieve! "Roots will grow down into God's love and keep us strong" EPH 3:17

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Sept 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

It is so lovely to see and hear your children in our school again. We would like to say a huge thank you for all the support you have given us with the changes we have had to make. Please do not hesitate to ask us if you are unsure of any of the new routines or procedures.

You may have noticed that every class is reading the same book - 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. We thought it would be good to give all children the opportunity to think about our school, the community and our earth, particularly at this moment in time.

Welcome to New Pupils

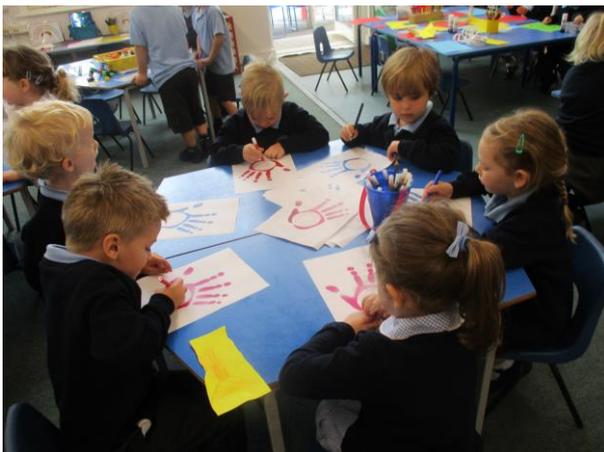
We would like to welcome all new pupils to the school. They have all coped extremely well with our start and end of day routines and have settled in remarkably easily. We are especially proud of our new Beech Class (reception) children, who have done incredibly well coming into school on their own without their parents.

We have welcomed Oscar, Lexi, Scarlett, Isla B, Ben, Eliza, Ruari, Sefton, Eric, Monty, Isla D, Ava, Pippa H, Ted, Alex L, Pippa M, Molly, Edward, Bronte, Alex M, David, Tommy, Aubrey, Harry P, Sammie, Harry S, Kate and Iliana into Beech Class.

We have also welcomed Harry and Woody into Oak Class, Ryan, Amelia, Archie, Ollie and Aurora into Birch Class, Aimee and Daniel into Rowan Class and Annabelle in Willow Class.

Beech Class

Enjoying their first days at school. More photos can be found on the [Beech Class](#) page on the school website.



Elm Class

Elm class have created their own heart of kindness since returning to school. They have also been practising Mindfulness every day, exploring different breathing techniques. They have commented it makes them feel: calm, happy, relaxed and like they are at home!



Birch Class – My First Week at Upper School

I liked doing art because it was about my favourite place. When we ran around the laps it was really good fun. Doing PE with Steven was great fun and I liked the lacrosse and the mini class sports day. I really like playing on the MUGA. I liked making new friends and playing in the playground. I enjoyed poetry because it was about rhyming words and similes. By Fred.

I liked doing lacrosse with Steven. I like doing the new laps. I like play time because I like playing with my new friends. I like reading because it's quiet. I have the two best teachers/teaching assistants, their names are Mrs Gordon and Mrs Quaille. By Matthew.

Rowan Class

Rowan Class have been excited to see each other and be back at school.

They have created their own rules and are following the school rules of: 'Be Kind, Be Safe, Be a Bubble.' They have been enjoying the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers and have started to find out about the life of the Tudors.

Everyone has been working hard on their handwriting and have all written some lovely poems about their favourite places. These have included: homes, beaches, mountains and even chocolate factories!

Congratulations & Well Done

Well done to Bessie in Y2 who had 12" of her hair cut off for the Little Princess Trust - they make real hair wigs for children with cancer. She also raised £1,270 in sponsorship for the same charity (who also do research into childhood cancer). What a fantastic achievement!

Eco Council:

Lockdown has involved many people 'getting back to nature'. There has been lots of gardening, including planting and growing food.

Pupils have started working on trying to achieve the silver award Eco Schools this year.

Staff PPE – Visors

We would like to say a big Thank You, to St Joseph's Catholic School in Salisbury who very kindly donated, free of charge, a visor for every member of staff in our school.

Cardboard Tents

We would like to thank Mrs Kirsty Peters for her very kind donation of cardboard tents to the school. We are looking forward to building, decorating and using them.

School Open Days

If you know of anyone who is looking for a primary school place, please let them know about our Open Days on Friday 16th October and Thursday 26th November. Any visitors will need to make an appointment to view the school and we will only be able to allow one family to view at a time, with all visitors asked to wear masks and adhere to our Covid-19 regulations.

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Electronic Consent

As last year, the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to all Primary aged children. This is particularly important in the current climate. Vaccinations are due to take place on Thursday 5th November at our school and as last year, the consent will need to be completed electronically. Don't forget to register your child for the flu vaccination at:-

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/wilts>

We would like to request that consent is provided as soon as possible as the link closes 7 – 14 days prior to the session in school.

School Uniform

Can we please ask that you clearly name your children's uniform. We are starting to see items 'abandoned' around both sites and obviously if unnamed, returning lost property to the correct child is proving very challenging in the current climate. At Lower School we had 4 items quarantined over the weekend and are still unsure who to return them to!

Eyesight and Hearing Tests

The school nursing team have asked us to remind you that all children should have an annual optician check and if you have any concerns about your child's hearing, then please visit your GP.

Applying for Primary & Secondary School

If you have a child in Year 6 who will be transferring to secondary school in September 2021, you must apply for a secondary school place. If you have a child who will be starting primary school in September 2021, you must apply for a primary school place.

Applications can be made online at:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk or please ask at the school office for an application form. All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge.

The deadline for secondary applications is **31st October 2020**.

The deadline for primary applications is **15th January 2021**.

Leave of Absence During Term Time

Requests for leave of absence during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Regular attendance is the best way of ensuring that a child makes the most of the educational opportunities which are available to him or her.

Persistent Absence - From the beginning of the 2015–2016 academic year, the government have reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 10%. This would mean, according to the government, that a child missing seven sessions (3½ days) in a term, up to 38 sessions (19 days) in an academic year, will be considered to have persistent absence.

At Brinkworth Earl Danby's, we are keen to work with pupils and parents to ensure pupils' attendance is good (95%+) to enable pupils to make maximum progress and achieve their potential.

Allergies

We have children in school who have severe allergic reactions to nuts. As you are aware, this could be potentially very serious indeed for the child if he/she came into contact with nuts. As a precaution, we are therefore requesting you DO NOT send your child to school with any based foods in order to avoid a possibly dangerous situation. We do realise that many foods contain traces of nuts and we are not asking that you stop using these. Thank you for your co-operation.

Home Time Arrangements

Please email the school offices your child's home time arrangements, if you have not already done so. Thank you for the replies so far.

Home Learning

Home learning for Year 1 to Year 6 will be available on the school website under [Curriculum-Home Learning](#) for those children who wish to access it.

Governors' Email Address

Should you wish to contact the school's governing body, please use the following email address, which has been set up for this purpose:

governors@brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk

School Website

www.brinkwortheardanbys.wilts.sch.uk

Parent Support Advisor

Mrs Terry Jones

Tel: 07876 201021/01666 823514

Email: terryjones@malmesbury-pri.wilts.sch.uk

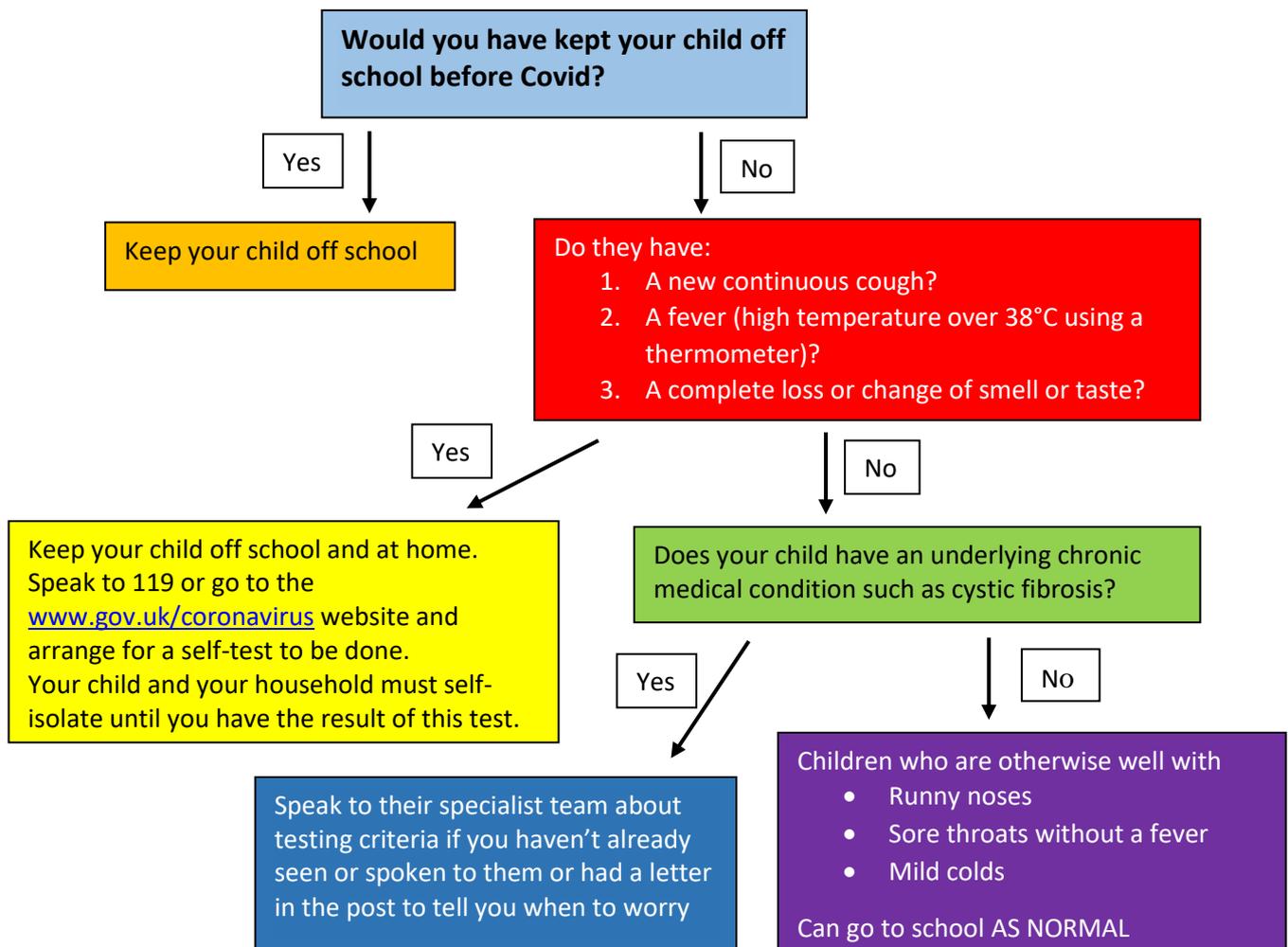
BEDSA Fundraising

To start supporting our school lottery, visit: www.yourschoolottery.co.uk and search for Brinkworth Earl Danby's.

Don't forget to take advantage of some of BEDSA's fundraising ideas when ordering heating oil and buying clothes labels.

Useful Covid-19 Advice

If you have anyone in your household with Covid-19 symptoms, please do not send your child into school. The person with the symptoms should book a test and children should not return to school until either a negative test has been received or they have completed 14 days of self-isolation if the test is positive.



BEDSA Brinkworth Earl Danby's School Association **Useful everyday fundraising**

Label clothes without stitching!
Label Planet is seriously great for busy parents and those that don't sew. They produce self-adhesive name labels called stikins that simply stick on and then stay on wash after wash... after wash! And for every order you place Label Planet will donate 30% of the order value to BEDSA.
labelplanet.com www.stikins.co.uk
Please quote 35318 with your order.

Boiler Juice.com
THE SMART WAY TO BUY CHEAPER HEATING OIL. If your home heating is powered by oil you'll probably know of Boiler Juice, the website where you can source the cheapest local fuel. If you enter our code 34874 when you make a purchase you'll be raising money for us! Boiler Juice donate funds to us for every 100 litres ordered. So next time you order oil please visit www.boilerjuice.com and enter our code. It costs you nothing and means we get a little something.

BEDSA CLOTHES RECYCLING
SCHOOL COLLECTIONS IN April and October
TOO LONG TO WAIT? We also welcome donations all year round!
We love raising funds from your bags of reusable unwanted clothing and we don't want to miss out in between collection dates.
TO ARRANGE A DROP-OFF OR COLLECTION with our Recycler
CALL Becky Wade 07590 666689
EMAIL brinkworthglady@gmail.com
QUESTIONS bedsacontact@gmail.com
ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO BEDSA and Bedettes Pre-School
Second Hand Uniform: Logo'd jumpers and cardigans for £3. Contact bedsacontact@gmail.com to check stock.

Feeling crafty?
Really fun crafty company providing all the materials for an exciting activity for your child. Boxes come personally addressed through the post. All activities are developed by educational experts and come with an illustrated, easy to follow instruction booklet. Anyone who subscribes using our code or the link below will get their first box for free (only £1 P&P) and will raise £5 for our school.
Feel free to share this with your friends and family too.
<https://touchabox.com/gaster?code=SCH45SE&school=brinkprn158b08>

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