

Dear parents and carers,

Parent Survey on remote Learning

Thank you very much to everyone who responded to our survey on Remote Learning. This has given us very good information on how Google Classroom and the Google Meets are working. It is very heartening to know that we are getting a lot right and we all thank you for your positive feedback. Your comments have also helped us make some changes so that Google Classroom is as clear and as easy for you to use as possible. You can [click here](#) to see the full results of the survey. There is a link to a PDF which is easier to read than the charts and tables on the website (we do have plans to upgrade the website, which is creaking with old age).

Free School Meals

As the pandemic continues, we understand that many families are facing changes to their financial circumstances. If you have not previously applied for Free School Meals, or your name has recently changed, and feel you now meet the below criteria, please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to apply online. If your application is agreed, you will be eligible for weekly £15 food vouchers (in place of the free school meal) for the time your child is being educated at home. Once back in school, they will receive school meals, free of charge. **The school also receives additional income for every child eligible for Free School Meals, so if you are eligible, please do apply.**

- Income Support.
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit - but no element of Working Tax Credit - and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)) that does not exceed £16,190.
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week.
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.

The Local Authority is sending a letter today with further details of support available over half term.

Have a fun weekend!

So, from the serious stuff to thinking about the weekend. I don't know about you, but weekends are getting a little samey and the footpaths are getting very muddy! When you have children, finding new things to keep them entertained can be really difficult. The link below is to an article which outlines 50 fun activities.

Pebble painting (number 6) is an easy and fun activity. It would be lovely if all the children could paint a pebble and leave it by the side of the school gate, towards the footpath. You can paint whatever designs and colours you like, perhaps making the stones into creatures, or flowers, or anything else you like. When we are all back in school, we will bring them in and put them in our Reflective Garden, or near the raised beds.



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Having looked through all of the ideas, I'd especially love to see photos of children doing 41 and 46!! (You'll have to read it now!) Send them in to me at head@bourn.cambs.sch.uk – they will brighten up my very serious inbox!

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/50-fun-kids-activities-home-17975046>

A final word...

From the book I am reading to the children in assemblies, a quote, ***“When the big things feel out of control....focus on what you love right under your nose.”***

Have a good weekend.

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