

Boughton Monchelsea Primary

# Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March

## Full Return to School

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone back in school with us next week after a long time apart. Your child may be feeling a mixture of emotions, including excitement and anxiety. Please reassure them that any worries are totally normal and that the staff are aware that it may take some time for everyone to settle back into school. If your child is particularly anxious, there are some fantastic resources for parent and carers on the Kent Resilience Hub site. <https://kentresiliencehub.org.uk/parent-carers/>

A free webinar for parents/carers entitled “Supporting you and your child's emotional wellbeing in times of uncertainty” will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 11am. This session will offer parents and carers a space to gain knowledge rich approaches and key skills to help you recognise and respond to your child's emotional health needs both within and beyond the pandemic. To register please click below:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2485128688953201168>

## Parent Council

Class Council meetings will be held next week ahead of our next Parent Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Zoom links will be sent out ahead of each meeting.

Class R – to be arranged	Class 1 – Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm	Class 2 – Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm	Class 3 – Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm
Class 4 - Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm	Class 5 – Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm	Class 6 – Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm	

## **Book Week**

Thanks to everyone who has taken part in Book Week, both at home and at school. We have had lots of fun listening to stories and celebrating the joy of reading. Very well done to everyone who entered our Book Cover Competition. The standard of entries was very high and we have really enjoyed seeing them. We will be announcing the winners next week.

## **Home Covid Testing**

The government have issued the following information for families of school age children regarding lateral flow device testing.

*Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.*

*Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:*

- *through your employer, if they offer testing to employees*
- *by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests*
- *by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most*

*If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.*

*Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.*

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Ruth Roberts