



Britannia Community Primary School

School Reopening:

School reopens to all pupils on Monday 8th March. Please make sure you drop off and collect at the correct times. For more information, please read on.

Important dates:

8th March – School reopens for all children.

22nd March – virtual parents conferencing (details to follow)

Important contacts:

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Dear parents

What a busy start to this half term. The children who are in school, and those who are still at home, have been working really hard. We are so proud of the resilience, confidence and enthusiasm which both our children and Britannia families have shown! It's quite incredible how children and staff have evolved to be able to learn and teach in this way! A huge well done to all!

Next week, we are all really looking forward to welcoming all children back to school. Procedures are in place to keep school as safe as possible with extra cleaning, handwashing, and ventilation in place. We do need families to follow the government guidance on social distancing and visiting other houses though as every time these rules are broken, risk increases for your child's bubble to close. Please help to keep everyone safe by following the rules set by the government.

A reminder of the start and end times starting on Monday:

	Start Time	Finish Time
Reception	8.55am	3.00pm
Year 1	8.55am	3.05pm
Year 2	8.55am	3.05pm
Year 3	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 4	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 5	9.00am	3.25pm
Year 6	9.00am	3.25pm

Please drop off and collect your child at the school gate promptly and at the correct time. Please see more information about school reopening by reading the letter which Mrs Dempsey sent home (click on this link to read):

https://www.britanniaprimary.co.uk/serve_file/997183

Let's work together over the next few months to keep all bubbles open in school.

Take care and keep smiling, Mrs Longstaff.

Lateral Flow Testing

Lateral flow testing for all school staff has started, which involves staff members taking a home test twice a week. If any results come back positive, the bubble in school would need to be closed with immediate effect. We will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible but this type of closure could potentially happen at very short notice. Please accept my apologies should this happen.



STEM WEEK

Next week in school is STEM week which is a lovely week for the children to return. Some learning which will be planned in each class will link to Science and Design and Technology.

Zoolab – Years 1-6 will experience the fantastic Zoolab socially distanced in the hall on Thursday 11th March where they will take part in a variety of sessions from habitats and the rainforest to paws, claws and whiskers. It is certain to be an exciting experience.

The Travelling Science Show – Years R-6 will watch Adrien Bowden deliver his fantastic Science Shows on Friday 12th March. Again, social distancing will take place.

Learning Gallery

Please see photos of children in Reception planting cress seeds to see them change over time, learning about the number 15 and making mobile phones to send special messages to people.

Year One have been learning about plants and seasons and used the outdoors to look for signs of spring. They found daffodils and buds on the trees.



Polite reminders:

If your child, or anyone in your household, starts to display any of the symptoms, they must go for a Covid test. Whilst waiting for the results, your household must all self-isolate. Please inform school immediately if this happens by emailing head@britannia.lancs.sch.uk. If your child tests positive for COVID please let the school know even if they do not attend.

If a bubble has to close, all children in that bubble must isolate for the required time period. I would urge all members of our school community to continue to follow the rules and guidance set out during this lockdown. We all need to continue to do our bit to ensure we can hopefully welcome all the children back into school sooner rather than later.



ACTION CALENDAR: MINDFUL MARCH 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness	2 Notice five things that are beautiful in the world outside	3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive	4 Notice how you speak to yourself. Try to use kind words.	5 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day	6 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them	7 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels
8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture & smell of your food	9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others	10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face	11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee	12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying	13 Pause to just watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today	14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that need doing
15 Stop, breathe and just notice. Repeat regularly during the day	16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity	17 Look around and spot 3 things you find unusual or pleasant	18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down	19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today	20 Celebrate the International Day of Happiness (dayofhappiness.net)	21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else
22 Walk a different route today and see what you notice	23 Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change	24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	26 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible	27 Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers	28 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are
29 Notice what is working today and be thankful that this is so	30 Mentally scan down your body and notice what it is feeling	31 Notice the joy to be found in the simple things of life	"Mindfulness means that we commit fully in each moment to be present" - Jon Kabat-Zinn			

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

www.actionforhappiness.org

World Book Day

World Book Day has been celebrated in school this week with both the children at home and in school enjoying being creative with activities linked to books.

Andy Tooze's poetry assembly was enjoyed by all and it has been fantastic to see lots of 'A Book in Box', 'Story Dens' and 'Potato Characters' being created. Well done to all the children and thank you to families for supporting with this too.

Some examples of 'A Book in a Box' from 6B can be seen below.

