

# BY BROOK VALLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Thursday 25 March 2021

Theme for worship:

**Forgiveness – Turning over a new leaf**

**Story: Zacchaeus the Tax Collector**

‘Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others.’

**Colossians 3.13**

### Message from Mr Pike

Last Friday, the school was full of super heroes and pupils dressed in red as we fundraised for Comic Relief. In worship we discussed the work of Comic Relief tackling poverty and injustice throughout the UK and across the globe. We also shared the winners of the best and worst jokes that the children submitted. They certainly kept me entertained over the course of the week!

The school raised £154.39 which is a brilliant amount for this worthy cause! Thank you very much!

On Tuesday the whole school stopped for a minute’s silence as part of the National Day of Reflection on the anniversary of the first lockdown. Each bubble formed the shape of a heart as all pupils and adults stopped as the bell of St. Margaret’s was rung. We remembered all those who lost their lives or who are in hospital, families who lost loved ones during the pandemic and thanked all the NHS staff and critical workers. We also looked ahead to a future full of hope and positivity. Well done to Isaac in Year 5 who helped with the bell ringing.

Lily (Y6) and Isabel (Y5) wrote a lovely prayer that they read:

“Dear God,

For the past year life has been tough because Covid 19 has overwhelmed the World

At the start everyone thought it would just pass but really it has continued and affected the World and most of us

Even though things have been difficult, there will always be a bit of hope, like now, we have the vaccine which is helping us get back to normal

Although things have started to look a lot better, we have to remember all the lives that have been lost to this virus. They will all be remembered and dearly missed

We hope you understand why this minute of silence is so important because it is dedicated to those who have been strongly affected by the virus

Amen”

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Congratulations to the following pupils who were chosen to have Hot Chocolate Monday with Mr Pike

### **Year 3**

Oliver - For always being focused and trying his best  
Bronwyn – For perseverance even when she is unsure  
Bethany - For being such a great friend to others

### **Year 4**

Emilia - For handwriting improvement over lock down  
Willow - For an amazing newspaper article on Friday  
Freddie - For handwriting improvement

### **Year 5**

Ollie – Great work during lockdown and since returning to school  
Betsy – Great work during lockdown and since returning to school  
Harriet – Great focus since the return to school

### **Year 6**

Harry – Giving his best through lockdown and coming back and being ready to learn  
Lily – Working hard all through lockdown and coming back ready to learn. Always smiling!  
Honor – Coming back ready to learn and working hard every day!

### **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Parent/teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday 27 April (3.30 – 6.30pm) and Thursday 29 April (3.30 – 6.00pm). These will be carried out virtually and further details will be sent out next week so please keep an eye out for this.

### **COVID Winter Grant Scheme - School Notification of Further Funding**

Wiltshire County Council is pleased to confirm that additional funding for food and fuel is available for families currently facing hardship. The condition for the funding is that it **must be spent on food or fuel for families**, hopefully helping to ease their money worries during difficult times. Existing families that have benefitted from previous Free School Meal or Winter Fuel payments can still benefit from this latest investment. In addition, families that haven't qualified for any additional support so far but are really struggling to make ends meet can still benefit from this funding.

If you feel that you might qualify to benefit from the funding then please contact the school office so that we might support you in your application.

### **Bikeability – Year 6**

Thanks to those who have already sent back your consent forms and payment. If you haven't done so already, please send payment (please make cheques payable to By Brook Valley School) with the consent form to school by **Monday 29 March**. Many thanks.

### **Piano Lessons**

The piano teacher will be starting lessons again after Easter, if your child would be interested in piano lessons, please contact Yvonna Nieuwerf directly on [yvonna20@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:yvonna20@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Bath Rugby Y3 and Y4**

As previously mentioned, we are very fortunate to have Bath Rugby coming into school to work with the year 3 and 4 children in their PE sessions and also provide an after school club to those children to refresh what they have learnt during PE. The PE sessions and after school club have been re-scheduled to start on **Monday 7**

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**June** and there are still places available in the after school club. The cost of the club is £15 (£3 per week) per child. If you would like a place in the after school club for your child, please complete the reply slip below and return it to school with your payment (cheques made payable to By Brook Valley School). If you have previously sent in your reply slip and money then you do not need to do anything and your place has been kept.

**After School Clubs for Term 5 and 6**

The following clubs have been arranged so far:

<b>CRICKET Y5 and Y6</b>	<b>NETBALL Y3 and Y4</b>	<b>RUGBY Y3 and Y4</b>
Run by Biddestone Cricket Club  Wednesday 21 April - Wednesday 26 May  3.20pm – 4.20pm  The cost of the club is £18 (£3 per week for 6 weeks) per child.  There are 24 places, please complete the attached reply slip and send slip and payment to school by <b>Thursday 1 April.</b>	Run by PH Sports  Wednesday 28 April – Wednesday 26 May  This club is now full and will continue with the same children.	Run by Bath Rugby  Monday 7 June – Monday 5 July  3.10pm – 4.10pm  The cost of the club is £15 (£3 per week for 5 weeks) per child.  We still have places available, if you would like to book a place for your child please complete the attached reply slip and send slip and payment to school by <b>Monday 24 May.</b>

**Biddestone Easter Cricket Camp**

- 14 and 15 April at Biddestone cricket ground - Biddestone
- 10am until 3.30pm (registration 9.30am)
- No cricket clothing needed just wear sports clothes and footwear
- Bring a drink and a snack for lunch
- Bring a warm coat or rain proof coat
- All Bcc coaches are DBS certificated
- To book a place please email – Andy Short at [cdm.biddestonecc@gmail.com](mailto:cdm.biddestonecc@gmail.com)
- Pay on day - £20 per day

**School Lunches**

If you would like your child to have a hot school lunch, please don't forget to order it online through ParentPay by midnight Wednesday for the following week. If you have not ordered online, please send your child in with a packed lunch. Thank you.

<b>Order By</b>	<b>To have meals in week commencing</b>
<b>14/04/21</b>	<b>19/04/21</b>
<b>21/4/21</b>	<b>26/4/21</b>
<b>28/4/21</b>	<b>3/5/21</b>

**Dogs**

Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds so please could we ask you to not bring dogs onto school property at drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

### Group Gatherings

It's lovely to see the children all enjoying the park after school now that we have some nice weather again but please could we just remind all parents to still keep to the social distancing rules as we have had a few concerns raised by other parents. Thank you.

### End of Term 4 and Start of Term 5

School finishes for the Easter holidays on **Thursday 1 April at 1.50pm (KS1), 2.00pm (KS2)**. Unfortunately the bus companies are unable to operate a service at these times. Please note that Bubbles After School Club will not be open on the last day of term. Term 5 will start on **Monday 19 April**.

### FOBBVS Update

Hi everyone,

As we can't hold the Easter Fair this year we have put together an Easter activity pack for the children. It will be available to buy from outside the school office before and after school Monday - Wednesday next week and on Thursday morning. At other times the office have agreed to have some available. They come with a chocolate bunny and are £2.50 each.

We are hoping to be able to run a film night soon after the Easter holidays so please keep an eye out for posters. Details will also be coming out through the class representatives.

Very exciting news is that we are booked into Castle Coombe for a bike and BBQ on 14 July 2021! Please make a note of the date and nearer the time, when we know what we can do with regards to COVID, we will give more details.

Many thanks

The FOBBVS Team

### Bubbles After School Club

If you need to contact Bubbles at all during the Bubbles hours please call 07587 133510.



### 2020/2021 Diary Dates

#### March

Wednesday 31

Class and Year 6 leavers photos

#### April

Thursday 1

Last day Term 4 – school finishes at **2.00pm**  
**No Buses & No Bubbles After School Club**

Monday 19

First day Term 5

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Tuesday 20 – Friday 23

Year 6 Bikeability

**May**

Monday 3  
Thursday 27  
Friday 28

Bank Holiday  
Last day Term 5  
TD Day – school closed for pupils

**June**

Monday 7  
Monday 28

First day Term 6  
Junior Good Citizen Y6

**July**

Friday 23

Last day of academic year – School finishes at **2.00pm**  
**No Buses & No Bubbles After School Club**

**TD Day for 2021**

28 May 2021

**TD Days for next Academic Year**

1 September 2021  
4 January 2022  
18 February 2022  
27 May 2022  
25 July 2022

**Cricket Y5 and Y6 – After School Club**

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, in Year \_\_\_\_ would like a place in the Cricket After School Club on Wednesday afternoons starting Wednesday 21 April 2021 and I enclose payment of £18.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the reply slip to school by Thursday 1 April 2021.**

**Bath Rugby Y3 and Y4 – After School Club**

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, in Year \_\_\_\_ would like a place in the Bath Rugby After School Club on Monday afternoons starting Monday 7 June 2021 and I enclose payment of £15.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the reply slip to school by Monday 24 May 2021.**

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