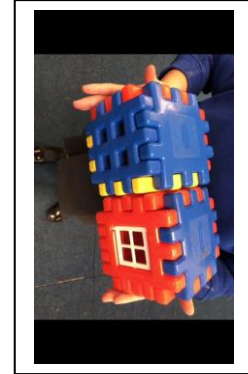
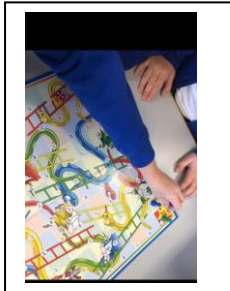




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**Newsletter No.7**  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**

Dear Parents / Carers



Amazingly it is the end of the half term! It has been a slightly different half term to normal but we have all got used to the different ways of working, arriving, leaving and staying safe in school. We have even coped with a positive diagnosis, keeping everyone safe and well and keeping the school open. We do not know what the challenges of the next half term will be but we will continue to work hard to keep everyone safe. Together, with your support, we can do our utmost to keep the children in school and everyone safe.

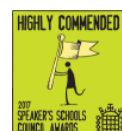
My highest praise and thanks go to all the staff here at BPS. You cannot underestimate the challenges in keeping the school as normal as possible for the children whilst managing the detailed and extensive restrictions to how we work. The staff here have managed this with a smile, with care and with your children at the centre of what we do. The fact that the children are so settled, that attendance is so high and that the children are excited about their learning is testament to how fabulous the team are. I wish them, and all our families, a very happy, restful and relaxing half term.

This week we said a sad farewell to Mrs Robson, our wonderful librarian. Mrs Robson has worked at this school, and the previous junior school, for the past 15 years but has decided it was time to retire. We will miss her greatly. Alongside Mrs Costelloe, she is key in keeping our beautiful libraries at the centre of our school's love of reading and inspiring our children to read and love books. We wish her a very happy retirement and hope to see her back, visiting us at school, when times allow.

We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Padlet**  
**Learning from home, Autumn Term 2020**

Each week, in line with government requirements, we will be up loading our weekly planning to Padlet for you to access if your child is away from school because your family is isolating. There is no requirement for the work to be completed if your child is away from school because they are poorly. Each year groups' work can be accessed with the following links and any completed work can be emailed into school using the year group email. The planning will be available by Friday of the preceding week. If you would like a paper copy of the work, please contact the school office.



Year R	<a href="https://padlet.com/eyfs6/s2b0uphb3f1o2zy6">https://padlet.com/eyfs6/s2b0uphb3f1o2zy6</a>
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The online learning is in place for individual children and families having to isolate or in case of a local lockdown. It is not an alternative to coming to school. Attendance at school this term and on-going is a legal requirement.

### **Curriculum documents**

As we get our website up and running, I said I would let you know when new content was added. The curriculum page 'Curriculum maps' now has the whole school curriculum overview, Curriculum coverage by subject, our learning skills document and year group curriculum maps as well as the learning journeys from this half term just past.

### **Photograph Orders**

Please note that photograph orders must be returned by Monday 2nd November after half term or a late fee will be incurred.

### **Flu Forms**

If you have not returned your child's flu form please could this be done by 2nd November.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Williamson  
Headteacher

## **Letters Home This Week**

All – Update on first half term back at school  
Reception – Houses Letter  
Year 6 – Homework Letter

## **Dates for Diary**

<b>Autumn Term - Half Term -</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020 – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
<b>Spring Term - Half Term -</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>INSET Day -</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 and Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>Summer Term - Half Term -</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021 Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<b>INSET Day -</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021