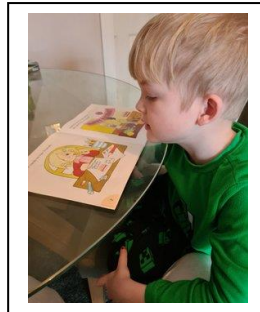




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Dear Parents / Carers



I hope you are all well and getting into the swing of learning at home. Please know that you can only do your best and do not feel overwhelmed or unsupported. We are here to provide any help we can. Please do email in to your year group if you need support with learning or email the office if you need support with anything else.

We are receiving very kind donations of IT equipment, which we are cleaning and preparing for children's use, as well as the 17 laptops from the Department of Education. If you are struggling with a lack of equipment, please email headpa@billingshurstprimary.org.uk and we will do all we can to help.

Half term 15th – 19th February

It was announced this week that schools will close for the half term break. The school will therefore be closed to vulnerable children and the children of keyworkers and there will be no on line learning that week.

Inset Day 12th February

We are postponing the Inset day we had planned for the last Friday before half term. The school will be open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers and learning for Flexible Friday will be available on line with support from teachers at home as usual. We have postponed the Inset until Thursday 1st April although we will confirm this nearer the time, depending on the national situation.

Food vouchers for half term

Those families who are eligible for Free School Meals benefit are now receiving food vouchers of £15 per week and will receive a £20 food voucher for the week of half term. Free School Meals benefit is different from receiving a free hot meal in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, which all children are entitled to receive. Free School Meals is a means-tested benefit. If you think you may be eligible for this, please contact the school office and we can make an application for you with just some simple information from you.

Specsavers 'Virtual' Sussex School Games: The Winter Games

Every Monday from 4th February, a new sports games is launched and you can take on some incredible sports from the Winter Olympics. Throughout the week you can practice, train and improve, before submitting your best scores in each challenge on www.sussexschoolgames.co.uk ahead of the Friday deadline (12pm midday). Your score will be added to your school total, meaning that you can be part of your school team, and compete against all of the other schools in the county.



Children representing the winning schools will be awarded with, much-coveted, Specsavers Sussex School Games medals, as well as earning points for the overall leader boards. Will you help make Billingshurst primary school victorious?

Yours sincerely,



Helen Williamson
Headteacher

Letters Home This Week

All – Learning At Home Update

Dates for Diary

Spring Term -	Monday 4 th January 2021 – Thursday 1 st April 2021
Half Term -	Monday 15 th February 2021 – Friday 19 th February 2021
INSET Day -	Monday 4 th January 2021 and Friday 12 th February 2021
Summer Term -	Monday 19 th April 2021 – Friday 23 rd July 2021
Half Term -	Monday 31 st May 2021 – Friday 4 th June 2021
INSET Day -	Monday 19 th April 2021