



## Newsletter 14

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Recently, we were delighted to receive a card from the organisers of the Bretforton Vintage Rally, which some of you may have attended in June last year. They have very generously donated £100 from their profits toward the running costs of our Brass instrument tuition. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for this very unexpected, but extremely kind donation. It is good to know that the school's efforts to develop musicianship among the children are supported by the wider community of the village. Thank you once again to the organisers – we really appreciate their support.



Can parents please be aware that as we have a child in school who suffers from a peanut allergy, it is essential that children do NOT bring any items into school for their packed lunch which contain peanuts once we reopen. We really appreciate your support on this. Thanks.

As part of our commitment to healthy eating and lifestyles, before the closedown, we started the Marathon Kids programme which encourages the children to run during some playtimes and lunchtimes. I'm delighted to say the children seem to be enjoying this activity and there is a competitive spirit between the classes to see which can run the greatest distance. So far, as a school, we have run a grand total of 94.8km – that's more or less from Bretforton to Leicester!

### Marathon Kids results

Up to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

1<sup>st</sup> – Otters – 36.8km

2<sup>nd</sup> – Hedgehogs – 29.8km

3<sup>rd</sup> – Badgers – 28.2km

### Family Question

Here's a question to talk about as a family when you're bored with the television.

**Would you rather live without music or live without books?**

Some parents have been concerned about how the school is recording the attendance of children who are absent from school due to self-isolation rather than illness. To reassure you, we are recording all children absent due to the guidelines regarding Corona virus using a special code which does not affect a child's overall attendance. Children who previously had 100% attendance still have it!

During the period of closure, we have established a few ways of keeping in touch with you. So that all of this information is in one place, the links below are all ways that we are supporting your children's learning at home and maintaining contact while we are all apart.

## Email contact address

[contact@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:contact@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk)

## School YouTube channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH4-X271bH-sTNpibpOFR8w?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH4-X271bH-sTNpibpOFR8w?view_as=subscriber)

## Link to Bengeworth Home Learning Page

<https://www.bengeworthacademy.co.uk/homelearning>

We have also obtained a free trial of the website Times Tables Rock Starz for Otters and Badgers, and Numbots for Hedgehogs class. If you would like your child to access these online activities during the period we are closed, please email Mr Riley at [contact@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:contact@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk) for instructions and your child's unique username and password.



## *Diary Dates*

*Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Official last day of spring term*

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – First day of summer term – information will be sent out in the event of continued closure.*

*Other dates will be reviewed once the extent of the national closure is known.*