



# Weekly News



5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents

On Monday, after much preparation, we welcomed back our Year 6 cohort along with the majority of schools in England. I very much enjoyed welcoming the children back to school as they arrived and it was clear to see how excited they were to see their friends, teachers and support staff. Throughout the week quality time has been spent working with the children on the new routines and safety measures that we have put in place. Curriculum activities have been created to encourage discussion, physical activity and enjoyment. Our meal-time assistants have worked creatively to ensure that lunchtimes have been enjoyable and our cleaning teams have worked tirelessly around the school. As always the admin team has highlighted just how lucky we are here at Pilton Bluecoat Academy to have such a dedicated group who are prepared to put in extra hours to ensure things run very smoothly. As a result of this collective effort, it has been clear to see that the children in Year 6 and our key worker children have really enjoyed being back. We are very much looking forward to next week where the children will have the opportunity to work with a new team of teachers and teaching staff.

Mrs Druce (Transition Lead at PCC) contacted me yesterday to mention that they have now added more information to their school website for those Year 6 children (who will be joining them in September) and their parents. Mr Hill and Mrs Druce (after a little persuasion) filmed a welcome video for all to see. Mr Hunt (Transition Lead) was not able to take part and as a result of this is going to organise a question and answer activity for our relevant children to engage with.

On Wednesday, I took part in the Barnstaple Local Learning Community meeting with other headteachers and external agencies. It was interesting to see that we all share similar concerns with regards to the next few weeks and the logistics surrounding the possible return of our Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 cohorts. At present, due to the layout of our year blocks and our outdoor space we have been able to accommodate our Year 6 children along with the key worker children ensuring they are safe and have enough space to learn. The return of our other cohorts before the end of term will be a real logistical challenge. Also, at present, we have received no information regarding what is going to be happening during the summer holidays. It is very much a waiting game at present.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to those of you who have sent in messages of thanks and encouragement this week. It has really helped to give everyone a lift and has certainly given everyone a spring in their step. We all really appreciate your continued support and patience at this time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Thomas



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# KEYWORKERS

**Please give us at least a week's notice when booking a place for your child. You can also forward book several weeks ahead if you do know your working hours and shift patterns.**

## THANK YOU

### Parking Permits

Parking permits for Fairview carpark are available from the school office, please phone in with your child's name, class and the car reg number and we will send one home with your child.

These are only valid from 8.15am-8.45am and 3.15-3.45pm, term time.

**If your child is attending school during any hot and sunny weather, please make sure that they have sun hats, sun cream and plenty of water.**



**Thank you**

A message from Mrs Ruddick of Pilton Infants;

*"Dear Parents/ Carers. Mrs Hoskins, from Pilton Infants' School, is retiring at the end of this term. She was an amazing support to so many of our children who attended the infant school, both in the classroom and in the Acorns lunchtime club. She will be very sorely missed by both staff and children alike.*

*I am organising a "Goodbye and Good Luck" book for her and we are asking the children to contribute to it.*

*If your child remembers Mrs Hoskins and would like to include something in this book, please get in touch. Perhaps they can share a nice memory of her. Or, they could draw or paint a lovely picture (Mrs Hoskins LOVES gardening, so they might like to draw some flowers). They could write a poem or a nice message.*

*Please send photos of these messages to Mrs Ruddick at [class6@piltoninfants.school](mailto:class6@piltoninfants.school) clearly marked with "Mrs Hoskins" in the subject box by the end of next week (12th June).*

*Don't forget to write on the picture/ writing who it's from.*

*Thank you in advance for helping us make her retirement as special as possible when we can't all get together to say goodbye.*

*Mrs Ruddick"*

Thank you for sending in your photos of your lockdown fun and activities; here we have crafts, walks, meals and a bug hotel!



# Dinner Menu for week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

THESE MEALS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL CHILDREN  
THAT ARE PRESENT IN SCHOOL  
(Year 6's and Keyworker Children)

Meal price is £2.30 per day, payable on Parentpay please.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN OPTION	Cheese & tomato pizza with wedges	Beef bolognese with bread wedge	Roast chicken bap & roast potatoes	Hot dog with pasta salad	Battered fish fillet & chips
JACKET POTATOES	Available every day with a topping of choice of cheese, baked beans or tuna				
DESSERT	Raspberry ripple cake	Apple & carrot yogurt muffin	Strawberry ice cream	Chocolate cake	Oatie biscuit & fruit slice

All meals are served with fresh vegetables and fresh fruit daily.

## Devon Family Advice Line

ECI will be launching a new phone advice line for parents and carers across Devon on Monday 1st June.

The number for the new service is 01392 949059 and it will be manned from 10 – 2pm Monday to Friday.

People will be able to leave a message outside of these hours, or when the operators are all busy.

It will offer advice on a specific issue around their children and their family relationships, including any communication issues or conflict they are having with their partners or co-parents of their children. It is not meant to be a replacement for more targeted work, but just a way to offer people a place to be heard and a few tips on how to deal with a particular situation or to signpost them to an organisation which may be able to help them.