

# News on the Nineteenth

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## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Broxbourne has been one of the areas worst hit nationally for Covid-19 cases. It is now in Tier 3.

### In Tier 3:

- you must not meet socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, this includes in any private garden or at most outdoor venues
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in some other outdoor public spaces, including parks, countryside accessible to the public, a public garden or a sports facility - this is called the 'rule of 6'
- hospitality settings, such as bars, pubs, cafes and restaurants are closed - they are permitted to continue sales by takeaway, click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery services.
- accommodation such as hotels, B&Bs, campsites, and guest houses must close
- indoor entertainment and tourist venues must close.
- indoor attractions at mostly outdoor entertainment venues must also close (indoor shops, through-ways and public toilets at such attractions can remain open)
- leisure and sports facilities may continue to stay open, but group exercise classes (including fitness and dance) should not go ahead.
- there should be no public attendance at spectator sport or indoor performances and large business events should not be taking place. Elite sport events may continue to take place without spectators
- large outdoor events (performances and shows) should not take place, with the exception of drive-in events
- places of worship remain open, but you must not attend with or socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble while you are there, unless a legal exemption applies
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees - 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies, wedding receptions are not allowed, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, 15 people can attend linked commemorative events
- organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue, however higher-risk contact activity should not take place
- organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes cannot take place indoors.
- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible
- avoid travelling outside of your area, including for overnight stays other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through other areas as part of a longer journey



## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE AFTER THE SCHOOL TERM ENDS

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) at any point during the Christmas break, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health, if required, and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and who need to self-isolate.

During the holidays you should contact [attendance@wormleyprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@wormleyprimary.co.uk) - this will only be monitored until Christmas Eve as after this point your child(ren) shouldn't be a close contact of anyone at the school. Please don't call the normal absence line as this won't be covered during Christmas term. We will check this email again before the Spring Term. Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test regardless of it being Christmas.

### Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please do not send children back to nursery or school on 5th December if any of the following apply:

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at holiday activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19
- they haven't completed the full 14 day isolation period requested

Self-isolating is one of the most important things we can all do to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our loved ones and the vulnerable. You can read our helpful self-isolating guide at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide)

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, visit: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### INSET DAY

is on **Monday 4th January**

Children return to school on  
**Tuesday 5th January**

### BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Unfortunately, until our Breakfast and After School Club is financially viable, we cannot open again. We were making such a loss, that we have had to furlough most staff and can only offer this service to key workers. We review this every month.

## NATIVITIES AND CONCERTS

We hope you enjoy the nativities and concerts performed by the children in Nursery and Reception.

They were recorded so that you did not miss out on the usual traditions. We invested in a video camera and microphones so hope you will make a donation for the recording to recuperate the costs.

We hope that you enjoy the performances as much as the children. A wonderful start to Christmas. Unfortunately children in Year 1 and Year 2 did not get the opportunity to record their performances. This may be something we can organise when the children return - a gift like those from the three kings.

Christingle Services will take place at school on **Friday 18th December**.

It is really lovely to see some children making them at home.

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

The **orange** represents the world

The **red ribbon** (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ

The **sweets and dried fruit** represent all of God's creations

The lit **candle** represents Jesus' light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

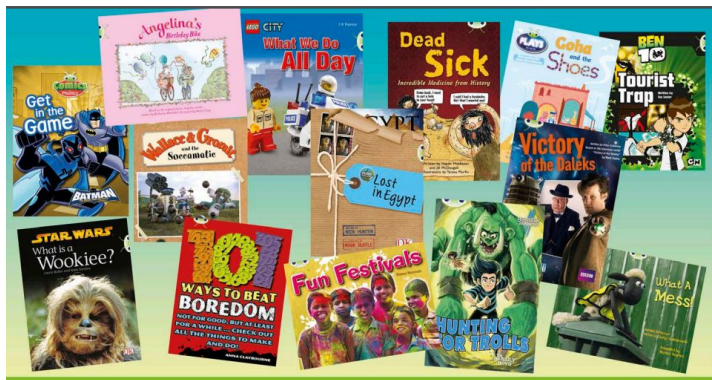


The light of Jesus reminds us of hope for a brighter future just as the rainbows did during lock down.

## READING CHALLENGE TERM

Spring Term is **Reading Challenge Term**

We are excited to announce that we have invested in on-line reading materials for children of all ages. This means that children will be able to read appropriate texts whenever they wish to, wherever they wish to.



For children in Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2

we have bought into **Bug Club** - a new reading programme that joins books with e-books. Children will be able to access the e-books via a personalised website.

There are notes for parents so you can practice high frequency words and the phonic sounds they are learning in school.

There are suggested games and activities.

We have chosen to buy into e-books so children

can enjoy reading books on screen and completing fun quiz questions which help develop their reading skills. They are also audio books, so children can enjoy hearing an expressive reading of the story.

For children in Y3-6, we have invested in **MyOn** and **Accelerated Reader**.

We are very excited to launch our partnership with **MyOn** - a digital library with hundreds of e-books for children to choose from. These books are linked to your child's age and can be tailored to their interests. These digital books will allow you and your child to read books together during this home learning period.







The website allows your child to interact with books by highlighting sections, annotating with virtual post notes and listening to text. Part of the website has a news section where there will be current child-friendly news articles for your child to access.

To enhance our home learning we will also be using MyOn to set reading and writing home learning for your child to complete. These tasks will help your child to engage with the digital library and deepen their understanding of the texts. Your child's teacher can view the books they have read and how long they have read for too.

If you are worried about internet access you can also download 20 books at a time to your device for your child to read offline at any time. Parents and children will receive logins in the new year.

### DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Over the last few weeks, children have been designing, making and evaluating a range of products in Design Technology.

Each task began with some market research to make sure that the product design met the needs and wishes of the intended user. This involved surveys and tallies or interviews and research.

Next, the children had to plan - most had two designs.

Then, they had to practise relevant skills - cutting, chopping, sewing, building electrical circuits etc.

Y1 learnt to cut material, sew (including buttons) and join materials to make beautiful little gift bags for the family.

Y2 learnt to make salads - cutting, peeling and arranging foods.

Y3 learnt to spread butter, make egg mayonnaise, cut cheese, layer ham and prepare salad for sandwiches.

Y4 had to learn how to make a simple circuit so that they could make a light shade/lamp.

Y5 had to learn how to peel, cut and cook vegetables to make soup.

Y6 had to learn to manage more complex circuits and joining skills as they designed and created Quiz Boards.

Finally, the children evaluated their product design to see what had gone well and what could have been improved.



### FRENCH LEARNING



*Joyeux Noel et une Meilleure Année 2021.*

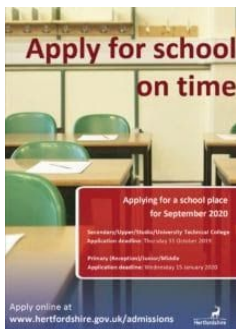
Merci beaucoup to all the children who have managed really well in our own French bubble for their learning. Children have learnt about different French speaking countries, their cultures and exactly where they are in the world.



We looked at le Canada, la Reunion, le Seychelles, la Suisse et la Tunisie.



**Je vous souhaite un Joyeux Noel.**



## DEADLINE FOR A RECEPTION PLACE

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to Reception is **Friday 15 January 2021**. Parents will need to make an application by the closing date to ensure their application is considered as on-time.

An [Under 11s Leaflet for 2021](#) was sent in November to Hertfordshire residents whose children are born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/2017.

Parents should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively if they cannot access the internet, they can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

## NURSERY PLACES

We will soon be taking applications for Nursery places in **September 2021**. This school offers places for 30 hours provision.

## PANTOMIMES

The children had a wonderful time at the pantomime - even though it was in school this year!  
The performance was Cinderella - a favourite story for many of us.

Oh no, they didn't

We hope you watched it too if the children were home.

Hopefully, there was a lot of booing, cheering, singing and dancing! Very traditional and so much fun!



Oh yes, they did!

Please enjoy it as often as you wish over the holidays. Simply copy and paste the link into your web browser and enjoy Cinderella! The production runs at 53 minutes and is full of lots of singing, dancing and good fun!

[https://youtu.be/ZkjA\\_RTc7Gw](https://youtu.be/ZkjA_RTc7Gw)

## HOME LEARNING

During the Christmas holidays your teachers would like you to:

- Spend time with the people that you care about
- Do the things that you enjoy
- Watch your favourite film
- Read your favourite book
- Make somebody laugh or smile
- Do something nice for someone else
- Play with your toys
- Visit a favourite place
- Enjoy a walk



And finally, come back to school ready to learn again!

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We contacted our winners yesterday - and they were all very happy with their gorgeous hampers  
We managed to raise £855 - so thank you.

## SENSORY ISSUES - ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS



Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (HCT) are the providers for therapies for children with SEND and they have been developing a range of workshops for parents. They have two sensory workshops for parents running next term led by their occupational therapists. The workshops are open access to parents. The service is also asking that parents take these workshops before requesting a referral to occupational therapy for sensory issues.

### WHO ARE THESE WORKSHOPS FOR?

Sensory issues affect a wide range of children and young people with SEND - difficulties such as high sensitivity to noise, touch, knowing where they are in space, textures etc.

**The first workshop - Understanding your child's sensory needs - is intended for parents of younger children new to sensory needs.**

More details and booking via these links

**Tuesday 26th January 1.30 - 2.30 pm** <https://tinyurl.com/y2q54a45>

**Thursday 18th February 1.30 - 2.30 pm** <https://tinyurl.com/yxh4647z>

**Wednesday 10th March 10.30 - 11.30 am** <https://tinyurl.com/yxcr9yy6>

**The second workshop - Supporting your child's sensory self-regulation development is intended for those parents who are further on in their journey.**

More details and booking via these links

**Tuesday 12th January 1.30 - 2.30 pm** <https://tinyurl.com/y6q55a8s>

**Thursday 11th February 11.00 - 12.00 pm** <https://tinyurl.com/y3uyocoq>

**Wednesday 3rd March 10.00 - 11.00 am** <https://tinyurl.com/y3yv7fvx>

## S.P.A.C.E. WORKSHOPS

Wow some amazing workshops with SPACE Hertfordshire - Flyers attached.



WWW.SPACEHERTS.ORG.UK  
SPACEHERTS@GMAIL.COM

\*\*\*BOOKING IS NOW OPEN\*\*\*

Please find the links below for some online spring term workshops.

For further information please see the flyers attached.

### UNDERSTANDING ADHD

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-adhd-workshop-tickets-131684472803>

### SLEEP WORKSHOP

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sleep-workshop-tickets-131685640295>

### UNDERSTANDING AUTISM and ADHD

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-autism-and-adhd-workshop-tickets-131686372485>

### UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-autism-workshop-tickets-131687407581>

### NAVIGATING THE SEND WORLD

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/navigating-the-send-world-beginning-the-journey-workshop-tickets-131687668361>

### AUTISTIC GIRLS

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autistic-girls-workshop-tickets-131688847889>

### ANXIETY WORKSHOP

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/anxiety-workshop-tickets-131689086603>

### ANGER & CONFLICT

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/anger-and-conflict-workshop-tickets-131689417593>



## FAMILIES FEELING SAFE

Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life?

This course can help you to:

- Understand the links between feelings, thoughts and behaviour
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on your own and your child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe and have problem-solving skills for life

Sessions will run on Zoom and we can help you with this. Wednesday evenings.

First session **6th January 7.30-9.00pm**

Then **13th, 20th, 27th Jan, 3rd & 10th February 8.00-9.00pm**

For eligibility and to book your FREE place

please email: [enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk) Tel: 07748 332606



## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER



Loving Father,

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

**May the Lord Bless You And Keep You**

**WISHING YOU A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
PLEASE STAY SAFE**