

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to say that we have all nearly made it to half-term. Whether your experience has been remote or at school, I wish to thank you all kindly for working closely with us to make a difficult situation a positive one. Over the past few weeks, I have been heartened by your children's patience and adaptability. I can speak on behalf of the staff when I say that your support and understanding at this time has been much appreciated.

Remote Learning

The development of the school's remote learning offering continues to evolve at pace. Our intention is to make access to learning at home user-friendly, straightforward and wholesome. In a school like ours, there is nothing that can replicate the face-to-face educational experience that children gain in person at school, however our staff are fully committed to work in partnership with you to be enhance our remote learning experience. It is our hope to be able to welcome our children back in the near future, but in the meantime, the staff will continue with their best endeavours to support and guide you through this challenging time.

Appropriate Online Use

The school has a duty to ensure that all children are safeguarded and this includes safety online. These core beliefs and expectations need to be adhered to and we can only achieve this through working in partnership with the parent body. I would like to remind all parents/carers of children learning remotely, to kindly return the Teams permissions and acceptable use agreement at the earliest, via email to reception@bristolsteinerschool.org. If the appropriate notifications are not received by the school, unfortunately your child will not be able to participate in remote live sessions.

Parent Survey

Parent feedback is always very welcome. Much more is now coming into school, which the teaching staff are very grateful to receive. Parent contact with regard to Teams and remote learning has been constructive and has enabled the evolution of our offering. In order to capture your thoughts further, I would kindly ask that you complete a Microsoft Forms parent survey, using the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fLWVM4khNEm0WwzQjRa6Z3zOjmi0OB1PhVLETOgh8jhUMTdFUktSRkIYTVEwVFZEWkNJQkg3VUQ3UC4u>

Once completed, please return, via email to reception@bristolsteinerschool.org.

School Bursaries

As is customary at this time of the year, our bursary scheme for the new academic year (2021/22) is now open. For more details on the bursary policy please visit [Fees & Finance - Bristol Steiner School](#). If this is something that you would like to explore further, as a new or existing recipient, please contact the Finance team via finance@bristolsteinerschool.org to register your interest. Completed applications must reach the school by Friday 5th March 2021.

And finally...

Despite the changeable Winter weather, the first signs of Spring are beginning to emerge with the birds singing, snowdrops blooming and lambs appearing in the fields.



I am reminded once again, that the Earth keeps turning and life continues to show its welcoming face.

Thought for the week

*Be happy in the moment. That's enough.
Each moment is all we need, not more.
~Mother Teresa~*

With Best wishes,

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