



# NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

*This week at Fair Furlong*

## Notices



A huge thank you to all our families who have worked so hard to keep our school community safe by following the national lockdown rules. Parents and carers have been wearing masks (if they are not exempt) on site and even though it has been very difficult they have ensured that they are not making any unnecessary journeys or mixing with people outside of their household.

In order to continue the safety of the whole school community, both staff and children, we ask that you continue to follow the lockdown rules. If we become aware that people are not following these rules we may be forced to ask that their children are no longer allowed to attend school to ensure the safety of all.

### RECEPTION ADMISSION APPLICATIONS 2021

Parents with children in Nursery must make an application for Reception in September 2021 **by midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

Please apply at: [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

If you have any questions or problems with your application please ring the school office and we can arrange for you to come into school to help.

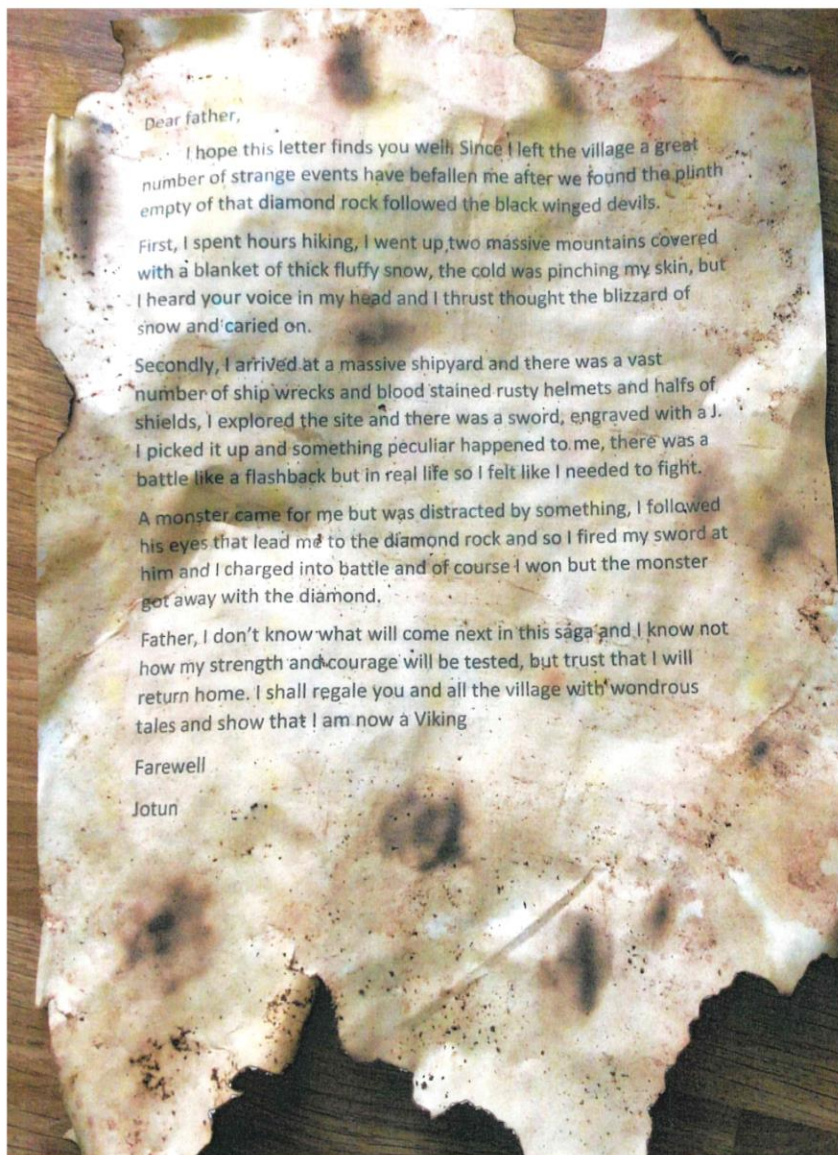
### A Warm Welcome

Next week we will be welcoming a new member of staff to our Fair Furlong team. Ms Gapper who will be working in Year 1. We are lucky enough to have been able to secure this Academic Mentor to work with some children 1:1 both in school and remotely for children accessing remote learning from home. Ms Gapper will be popping into online sessions next week in Year 1 so look out for a new face on your screen!

## What's Been Happening this Week?

Year 4 have been drawing pictures to represent numbers up to 10,000. Children have been using unique resources to help them solve their maths problems at home.

*This idea looks delicious!*








Year 5 have been writing Viking letters. What a great job Ford Griffin has done at home. We love your fantastic writing Ford and realistic distressing of your paper!



Critical Worker Update  
FSM Food Parcel Reminders  
Top Tips for learning at home  
Home learning agreement and technical advice

### Certificates Awarded for Outstanding Achievement this week

	<b>Learning Together:</b> Hollie Baker-Chant, Kaleb Barnes, Karim Khoula
	<b>Enthusiasm:</b> Cory Hegarty, Kolby Brooks, Lucas Summers, Jake Clark, Jenson Hembery, Poppy Watts
	<b>Challenge:</b> Jazmin Jasper, Kenzielee Davis, Ainoras Udra
	<b>Respect:</b> Gija Paulauskaite, Ellie May Marsh
	<b>Trust:</b>

Pupils who are home learning are also be included in certificates. Take a look at your child's or your email (may need to check the junk folder) for an online message. As always the link to assembly will be emailed out on Friday afternoon.

### Attendance this Week

#### Well Done Everyone!

Thank you all for your continued support with home learning. It has been lovely to see such hard work happening both at school and at home. We've really enjoyed seeing your fantastic and innovative ways to approach learning - please continue to send them in!

Should you have any questions about home learning please either email your year group or call the school office who are willing to help you.

**A REMINDER: EVEN IF YOUR CHILD IS HOME LEARNING YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO ADVISE US ABOUT ANY COVID SYMPTOMS OR ISOLATION IN THE HOME. WE CAN PASS THIS ONTO TEACHERS SO THEY UNDERSTAND IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN ONLINE SESSIONS**



## Next Term and Beyond

### This week's Menu

Monday: Pizza or Jacket Potato with tuna

Tuesday: Roast Beef or Veggie Roast

Wednesday: Sausage meal, Veggies sausages or Jacket Potato with beans

Thursday: Roast Chicken or Quorn Roast

Friday: Fish Fingers and Chips or Jacket Potato with beans



### Term 3

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan

Chinese New Year

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan

Living Eggs Arrival in Nursery

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb

E-Safety Day

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> to

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

DT Days

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

END OF TERM

### 2020/21 School Dates

#### Term 1

Thursday 3 September to Thursday 22 October

(Tuesday 1 September, Wednesday 2 September and Friday 23 October : INSET DAYS)

#### Term 2

Tuesday 3 November to Friday 18 December

(Monday 2 November : INSET DAY)

#### Term 3

Tuesday 5 January to Friday 12 February

(Monday 4 January : INSET DAY)

#### Term 4

Monday 22 February to Thursday 1 April

#### Term 5

Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May

#### Term 6

Monday 7 June to Wednesday 21 July

(Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9 July : INSET DAY)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you or your family are affected by symptoms of Covid 19 please do let the school office know so we can respond accordingly in school.

*This is really important even if you are remote learning*

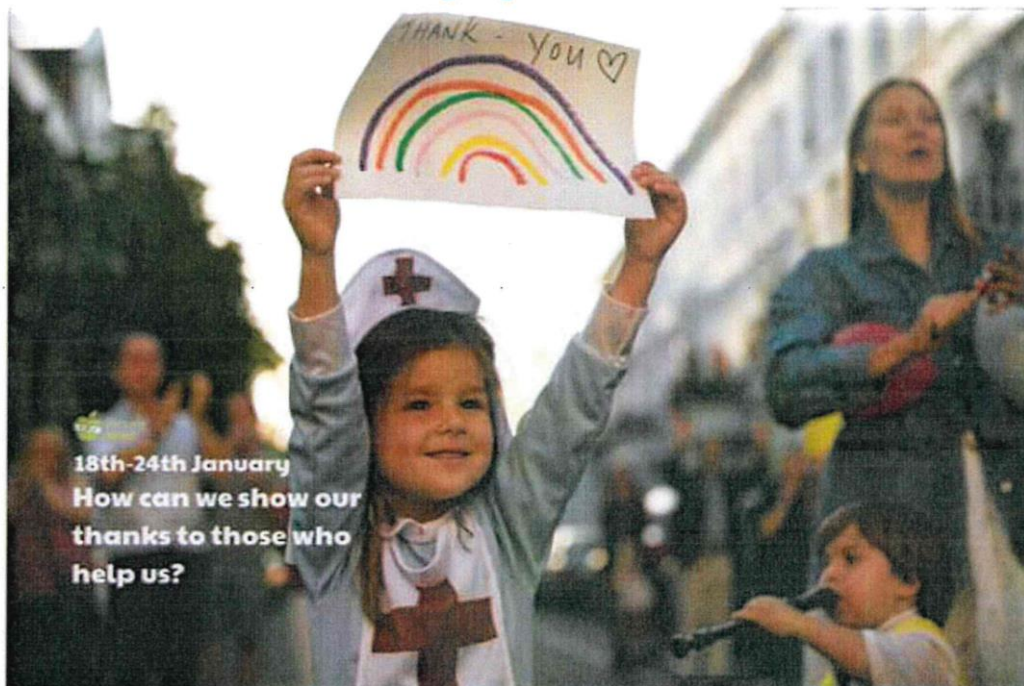


# Picture News

at Home

18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

What's going on this week?



18th-24th January  
How can we show our  
thanks to those who  
help us?

The celebration for NHS staff, formally known as 'Clap for Carers', returned under the new name of 'Clap for Heroes' on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, announced by the initiative's founder, Annemarie Plas. The weekly applause for front-line NHS staff and other key workers ran for 10 weeks during the UK's first coronavirus lockdown last spring. This time the initiative is celebrating not just NHS and key workers but also extends to home-schooling parents, those who are shielding and all who are pushing through this period.

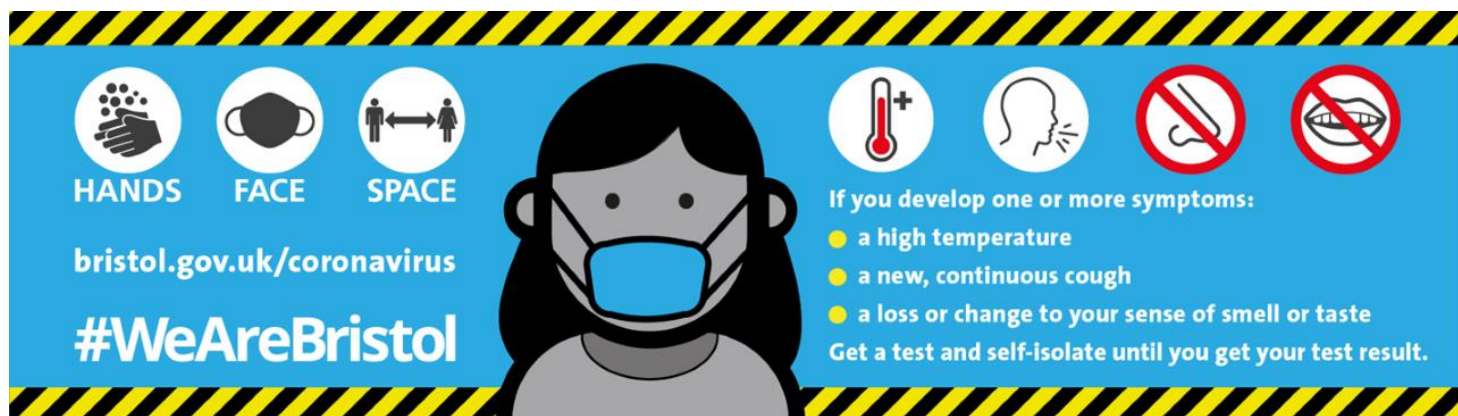
*Things to talk about at home...*

- 👤 Did you take part in 'Clap for Carers' or 'Clap for Heroes'? If so, what was it like taking part?
- 👤 As the 'Claps for Heroes' initiative thanks many different roles, can you think of those who may have helped you and your family during this time? Can you think of a way to thank them?

*Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...*



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



We are passionate about supporting children and young people aged 0 - 25 and their families in Bristol and the surrounding areas with our fantastic range of FREE inclusive services.

We provide access to exercise, a wider sensory experience and play whilst reducing isolation with the aim of improving health and well-being for children and their families. We would usually do this through our Pop-Up events but were unable to do this in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Instead, following feedback from our families on the lack of therapy, play and exercise support, we set up 'Our Home' - an online resource hub made up of:

- **A specialist Lending Library** - where families can borrow our incredible equipment and experience a little bit of Gympanzees in their home
- **Therapy Webinars** - a library of webinars from trained professional therapists, discussing a variety of disabilities
- **Online Resource Hub** - Over 60 pages of activities, ideas and exercises families can do at home.

We wanted to let you know, that our Lending Library is still open during lockdown and families can borrow our specialist sensory and sensory integration equipment, therapy equipment, robust disability toys and gym and exercise equipment to use at home for 2 weeks, **free of charge**.

Here's an example of some of the equipment we have available:

- Pop up dark den with light kit
- Weighted blankets
- Movement sensory kits
- Music sensory kits
- Proprioception and tactile kits
- Visual and Tactile Kits
- Floor is lava Kits
- Switch toys
- Soft play pieces and Ball pit
- Sensory integration indoor swing sets
- Hammocks

We now have almost 100 large items like these and are working towards building 250 items in our Library. Visit our [Lending Library](#) website for the full catalogue and to sign up for membership.

Our [Online Resource Hub](#) is packed with ideas, information, 'how to' explanations, videos and external links to help children play and get active at home, catering for different disabilities. These have been written and produced by Physio Therapists and Occupational Therapists and cover areas such as play, bowling, boccia, floor is lava, Stability, Balance, Fine Motor Skills, Messy Play, Exercise videos, sport at home and much more.

Our [Therapy Webinars](#) centre around detailed presentations led by therapists on specialist subjects where families can take advice and learn tips that they can implement at home. Topics include Complex Feeding Difficulties, Autism, Anxiety and Challenging Behaviours, Down Syndrome and Physiotherapy and Understanding Sensory Processing.

We have had amazing feedback from our new services:

***"Gympanzees have developed some vital resources for families which meets the play and exercise needs of children with all abilities and disabilities as well as providing therapy advice and their amazing equipment which will be such a help for so many. It is great to see that, not only have they developed their own fabulous resources but are also working with other disability groups and signposting the other great resources that have been developed by others to provide the best service in collaboration with others."***

***"Our daughters were absolutely delighted to have a small piece of the Gympanzees experience at home. Active play and exercise opportunities have been difficult during lockdown and this really helped improve their access to physical activity. The process of booking and delivery of equipment was so easy and friendly - thank you!"***

***"I joined one of Gympanzees Therapy Webinars and was inspired to apply some of the ideas and suggested activities the very next day. It helped me to better understand my son and I would have paid a premium for that so it's incredible that it was offered for free!"***

If you have any questions, please get in touch: [info@gympanzees.org](mailto:info@gympanzees.org)



# UWE Bristol Eye Clinic

Being able to see clearly is important for a child's overall development and helps them to discover and learn about their world. Most children have excellent sight and do not need to wear glasses, but if there are problems and they are not picked up at an early age, children may have permanently reduced vision in one or both eyes.

Some schools carry out vision screening on children between the ages of four and five. Even if this has been done, or if you have concerns, if there is a history of needing glasses at a young age, or a history of a squint or lazy eye in the family you should take them along to an eye examination.

Things to look out in young children include avoiding reading, writing or drawing, screwing eyes up when reading or watching tv, and having concentration problems at school.

Our specialist optometrist clinic will be able to take the time to examine children's eyes and provide tailored advice about children's current eye health needs and baseline vision assessment for the future." The appointments will be on a Thursday for the under 12's which will last 90 minutes with an Optometrist from the Bristol Eye Hospital who has a specialist interest in paediatric eye care. There will be anything from 1-4 patients observing/participating depending on Covid restrictions and space allowing. The over 12's will be booked into the student clinics on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and the appointments will be anything from 1-2 hours, as the students perform the tests and then this is double checked by a qualified optometrist. The eye clinic has all the specialist equipment to be able to assess the children in a friendly, professional manner. We have tests that allow for young children who may not be confident with their letters and games that we can play to assess their vision and put them at ease.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email if you have any queries. Meanwhile our website is open for booking online [www.uwe.ac.uk/eyeclinic](http://www.uwe.ac.uk/eyeclinic)

*DATA PROTECTION REGULATION - You may not be aware but the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force in May 2018. We are required to conduct due diligence for all parents to be aware of the regulation and how it affects their child and the way the school deals with their personal data. Under the regulation we have a responsibility to ensure to the best of our ability that any personal data held is up to date. We would ask that should any of your personal data change i.e. telephone number, address, medical needs etc that you please inform the school as soon as possible so we can update our records. You will still receive an annual data collection sheet every September but we would ask you not to wait but inform the school of any changes immediately.*