

# Bonneygrove Primary School Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## Message from Mrs Gable



Welcome back everyone,

The sun may not have shone as brightly as I would have liked on Monday but the smiles on our children's faces more than made up for it. You did an amazing job parents and carers! I may have shrunk a few centimetres since December because it seems to me that all the children have grown. School has returned to its buzzy and vibrant 'nearly self'. We had a 'Covid secure compliance spot check' from HCC (Environmental Health Department) on Thursday. They were really supportive and I am very pleased with our feedback. Keep wearing your face coverings on school grounds and remember our 'Drop, Flow and Go' motto.

It was been a pleasure to be able to start planning for some summer events, I know that I should not get too excited yet but I'm hopeful that we can enjoy creating some more strong and lasting memories for our children and their families very soon.

*Amanda Gable*

## WELCOME BACK!

First day back and straight to work for Reception children in their outdoor area. Construction and water play were top of the children's list.



We got to use our smart new road with its clear markings and unhindered view so that pedestrians and drivers can see each other without obstructions.

When asked Phil, our lollipop man, said 'I'm just so pleased to be back at school and able to see the children safely across the road.'

We celebrated having all our children return to school this week. 100% attendance showed how much the children missed us and we missed them too!



Back in class and learning. Children quickly settled back to their lessons.



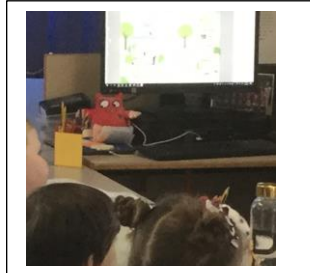
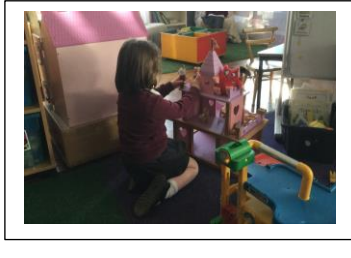
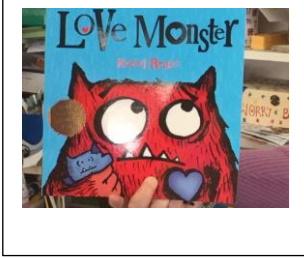
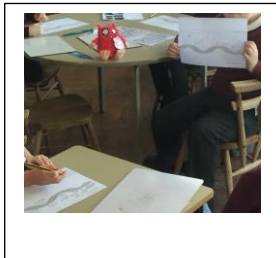
## Garden of hopes and dreams

Take a moment to have a look at some of our children's hopes and dreams for the future. They really are an inspiration. Let's keep adding to them and looking forward to all the good things that we will be doing very soon. ♡



## Love Monsters

Monday's whole school assembly included a special appearance of a Love Monster. Every class has their very own cute monster to love and care for. Here are some photos to show just what they have been getting up to.



### Chris Bevans

Mrs Bevans retires after 23 years at Bonneygrove. At the end of February Mrs Bevans, and her menagerie of Tiggers and soft toy ducks, sadly retired. Mrs Bevans must be the most popular and loved member of staff ever. She is always there for us and adores every child in the school. Over the years Mrs Bevans has bought so much joy to so many people, you only have to mention her name and it makes people smile. She really is one of the kindest, most generous and funny people you could ever wish to meet. Her care and commitment to us at Bonneygrove is astounding so it has been very hard for us to let her leave. Mrs Bevans has been unwell for some time, not that you would have known because in her usual way she was always busy helping others and not putting herself first. The treatment that she is undertaking is hard for the bravest of people but luckily she is very brave. It is so unfair that horrible things happen to lovely people but the love that she has always given us is coming back to her in our very kindest and warmest wishes. We know that she will continue to bring her very special gifts to her three grown up children's lives and plenty of love and joy to her beautiful grandchildren too.



We've been in the news! .....The Mercury, a well known local paper, reported on their front page how well Broxbourne is doing by reducing the spread of COVID-19. Bonneygrove is a part of this success story.



### Reminder about After School

We are still operating a 'collect and go system' at the end of the day. Please keep your child/children with you if you need to wait at the end of the day. Not running all over the school grounds. The woods at the back of the field, which are out of bounds during school hours, remain out of bounds after school. These woods are not regularly maintained as our Horizons woods are so there maybe hazards in there.

**PLEASE NOTE: School meals will be increasing in price to £2.65 from 12<sup>th</sup> April.**

## PARENT COURSES:

Every family can face challenges at some point. Parents may also wish to learn strategies to support with a SEN need. There are plenty of courses and support out there to help manage these needs.

Parenting courses are offered across the county. You can search for courses in Hertfordshire County Council's Parenting Directory at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentingsupport](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentingsupport)

### [Parents and family support | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Find out about the support you can get as a parent in Hertfordshire.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk)

If you have any particular training leads you would like to enquire about, please contact the SENCO who would be more than happy to help.

### Let's talk wellbeing

With the warmer weather on the way, we are encouraging our children to spend time outside learning. Being outside in nature has been proven to be good for us. Did you know that green and blue spaces lower cortisol levels and increase Oxytocin? We can concentrate better after spending time in nature!

Please note there has been a change in our **INSET DAY** this term. We are moving our planned training day on the 12th of February to the 12th of April.

### Dates for Diary

Dates	Event
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Last day of term (1pm finish)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Teacher Training Day (School Closed to Students) <b>Revised Date</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Children return to school (Normal Start Time)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	May Day - School Closed
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Last Day of Half Term (Normal Finish Time)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Children return to school (Normal Start Time)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Last day of term (1pm finish)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Students