



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Headteacher's Note:

Hi everyone,

There's most definitely a more buoyant feeling in school this week knowing that our school will return in full from Monday 8th March. For those of you whose children have remained at home so far this term I hope that you are feeling much the same.

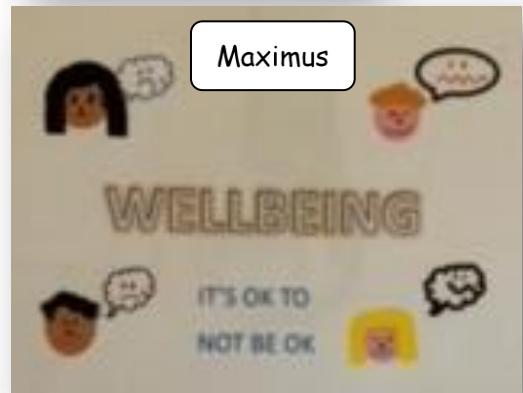
We are so looking forward to seeing all of the children back. The social aspect for young children, being able to mix with their peers is so important, let alone returning to the routine and structure that school brings. We have planned for some exciting work for the children for their first two weeks back designed to settle them back in, become part of a team again and feel positive about the future. Of course we also have World Book Day on the 11th March which you have already received a letter about. Please join in the fun and encourage your children to take part in the 'Masked Reader' challenge.

We are currently in the process of completing the revised risk assessment and will be sending this over to you at the beginning of next week.

Kindest Regards

Julie Bratt

Wellbeing Competition Winners



Thank you for all your entries to the competition. We have really enjoyed looking at your creations.

After reviewing the entries, we have chosen 5 winners.

Well done everyone for taking part.

Meet our English & RE Leader:

About Me



My name is Laura Short and I am the class teacher of Voyagers (Year 4). I'm the English and RE subject leader and also lead the Year 3/4 phase.

I have two children, Noel (who is in Racing Rockets) and Seb (who will be joining our nursery in September).

I have a History degree, so this is one of my favourite subjects to teach. I genuinely think that I have the best job in the world and love the variety it brings. I have a real passion for enthusing pupils by bringing learning to life and I am sure that my class will vouch for this when I say I'm always doing something in lessons to make them laugh.

There are so many things that I love about our school it is impossible to choose just one. It has been amazing to see all of your fabulous home learning and I can't wait to see everyone back in school on 8th March!

My Favourites

Food: anything with avocado in it

Colour: green and pink

Sport: swimming

Books: this is so tricky because there are so many but *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *Room on a Broom* are firm favourites in our house

Movies: All the Marvel films and *Home Alone*

Place: my favourite holiday destination has to be Orlando but I also love making the most of days out to Alton Towers

Animal: giraffe

Subjects: English, History and I love going out into Forest School



Preparing your Child for Returning to School on March 8th



Sleep Routine

Sleep is very important for your child's mental health wellbeing and their development. Help your child get back into a good sleep routine ready for coming back to school with a sensible bedtime. While there are no exact rules, it is recommended that toddlers need around 12 hours of sleep a night; children aged three to six - 10-12 hours; seven-12 years olds - 10-11 hours; and teenagers - around eight to nine hours.

Coping Strategies

If you feel that your child is showing signs of worry about coming back to school there are many strategies and resources that can support their well-being. Many of these have been shared in our newsletters over the last few weeks or can be found on our well-being page on the school website.

Look for Positives

Talk to your child about what they've missed about school and what they are looking forward to being able to do again in the near future. Make a list or draw pictures of all the positives.

The Albrighton Book Worm



Title: Pages and Co -Tilly and the Book Wanderers

Author: Anna James

Reviewed By: Mrs Tearle

Plot - What Happens in the Story

Eleven year-old Tilly has lived above her grandparents' bookshop ever since her mother disappeared shortly after she was born. Like the rest of her family, Tilly loves nothing more than to escape into the pages of her favourite stories.

One day Tilly realises that classic children's characters are appearing in the shop through the magic of 'book wandering' - crossing over from the page into real life.

With the help of Anne of Green Gables and Alice in Wonderland, Tilly is determined to solve the mystery of what happened to her mother all those years ago, so she bravely steps into the unknown, unsure of what adventure lies ahead and what dangers she may face.

Characters:

Tilly, her grandparents, best friend Oskar and a whole range of different book characters that they meet along the way.

Who would like this story?

This story is a great read for anyone who loves books as much as the characters Tilly and Oskar do. It is packed with adventure and twists and turns. The age range is 9 and up.

What other people say

'A thrilling, inventive book-lover's delight, where fiction really does come to life. It's a treat for readers of every age' Matt Haig, author of A Boy Called Christmas

'Pages and Co. is a celebration of all the best things in life: books, friendship, adventures and cake. And pirates. And hot chocolate. It's utterly beautiful and perfectly brilliant' Greg James and Chris Smith, authors of Kid Normal

Book Review:

We'd like to see your book reviews. Please email them to your class teacher.



The Masked Reader

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are running Masked Reader. Some members of school staff have recorded mystery videos of themselves reading some of their favourite children's books.

Your mission is to guess which members of staff they are.

Head over to the reading page on the website to view the videos [Albrighton Primary School and Nursery - The Masked Reader](#)

At the end of each video there are two clues to help you out.

Email your answers to Mrs Short using the email address voyagers@albrighton-pri.shropshire.sch.uk to be entered into a draw to win a £5 book voucher.

Competition closes on Thursday 11th March at 5pm

Visit to Albrighton and Donington Nature Reserve

On Thursday 25th February, while the sun shone, year 5 and 6 key worker bubbles visited the Albrighton and Donington nature reserve as we were invited to help plant some trees.

We had a great time exploring the surroundings afterwards, while we took part in an orienteering challenge.



"I liked finding the letters and it was good when it all came together."

Leo

"Amazing, adventurous. I felt I was digging for gold when planting the trees."

Freya

"Really, really super duper good. The helper thought I was digging to Australia when I used the spade." - Matthew

Our Thoughts on the Day

There is not even a word for how good it was. Best bit was the orienteering and when I had to wash my muddy gloves in the stream."

Lyndon



We found George's Hope and Wellbeing stones. Ollie hid them again for someone else to find.

Thank You

We'd like to say a huge thank you to the nature reserve for inviting us. We had an amazing morning.



Ideas to Entertain the Children during Lockdown 3.0:



[Visit Google Art and Culture](#)

On Google Art and Culture, kids can orchestrate their very own animated blob opera, experience a space shuttle take-off made using 360° virtual reality (no headsets required), or take a virtual tour of museums and galleries, including the British Museum in London, the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and the Guggenheim in New York City.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/>



Build a Bird Feeder

Head to the National Trust website for nature-inspired ideas, such as making a bird feeder from recycled materials. All you need is a plastic bottle, toilet roll or chipped cup. Once complete, hang it up somewhere close by, and make note of the birds that pay it a visit.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/make-a-bird-feeder-from-recycled-materials>



Go on a Scavenger Hunt

Make a walk in nature more engaging by turning it into a scavenger hunt. Learning Resources has a free printable sheet with 50 objects for your child to tick off, including tree stumps, dandelions, berries and more. There's no rush to complete the sheet in one outing, so try visiting different (local) areas each time you go out to cover them all.

<https://www.learningresources.com/media/amasty/amfile/attach/cIkYyuUS6pKRAVlrDjku4LlOpN1ne1fv.pdf>



Art Recycling Project

From tin can wind chimes to papier-mâché plant pots, there's a potential art collection tucked away in your recycling bin. Simply empty your bins and see what you can build with whatever's inside.

<https://cleanriver.com/recycling-projects-kids-schools/>



Learn to Dance

Bring the party to your living room with Kidz Bop, a YouTube channel packed with dance-along videos and step-by-step tutorials. The dances are performed by children, for children - and often to chart hits, so they're likely to know the words already.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsMXYJDvYOAhpaDZ4QRugVA>



SCHOOL JOTTER

Just a quick reminder that School Jotter is used for sending messages to parents. If you have previously had the Jotter app before, you WILL still need to sign in with the specific details provided in order to receive all messages. A login and password was sent to you via email at the end of January, if you have not received these, please contact the office and we can re-issue them. To login, you click the padlock icon in the top right-hand corner of the app and enter the username and password.