



Lanivet School Newsletter

A word from Mrs Bennett...

How lovely that we end the half term with sunshine, but without the expected snow.

It has felt like a busy week at school. Understandably, pupils are tiring and I have no doubt that the half-term will come as a welcome break despite the reality that we can't do very much with it. This half term has been very hard, but it is getting better, and there is an end in sight.

It is important that we remind ourselves, and remind our children, that these are extraordinary circumstances and that it would be strange were they not to find this difficult. Online learning IS NOT great, regardless of how well it is done. Being isolated from our friends IS rubbish. Not being able to participate in sports and clubs IS frustrating.

We need to remind ourselves and our children, that this is not how any of us want this to be – and we will all be affected in different ways. We can and should look for the silver linings and we should embrace the positives, but let's not kid ourselves that this is anything other than really hard. We need to be gentle with ourselves and with our children. Thank you for all you are doing; we appreciate your efforts and your positive energy.

Year 6

Miss Coates is starting her maternity leave on 10th March. She is looking really well and is looking forward to putting her feet up in anticipation of the new arrival.

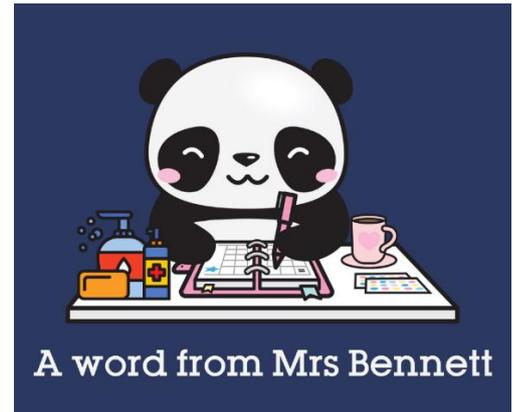
We are delighted to announce that Mrs Sarah Davies is going to cover Miss Coates in her absence. Mrs Davies is a skilled teacher with over 17 years of teaching experience. She is also a Mum to three children, with her youngest in secondary school. She is very aware of how anxious a time it is when pupils make the transition from Y6 to their next school, she will help the children prepare for this important move. After half term Mrs Davies is going to work closely with Miss Coates, and make this changeover as smooth as possible. We will say a great big thank you to Miss Coates on Friday 5th March on our "Goodbye Miss Coates" Zoom call.

Going forward

On the 22nd February the Department of Education will let us know when and how schools will re-open, then we will have two weeks to organise ourselves. We will of course keep you informed of our plans for Lanivet School. Please can you help us by completing our home-learning survey, there is a link and more information further down in this newsletter? This will really help us when we are planning the way forward. Thank you.

Have a great half term everyone, take care and stay safe!

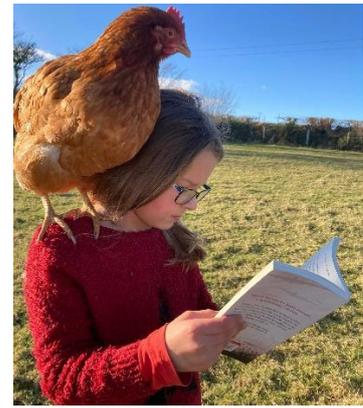
Best wishes,
Mrs Ingrid Bennett/Executive Headteacher



Pets in Lockdown Competition

Thank you to everyone that entered our Pets in Lockdown competition, so many crazy and beautiful pets at home with you. We had so loads of brilliant entries, Mrs Bennett found it incredibly hard to judge.

After a lot of thinking, our winner is Lauren in Year 5, with her pet chicken! Lauren wins a beautifully illustrated hardback book of animals. A big thank you to the PTA for supplying the prize. Look out on our Facebook page soon, where all of your wonderful pets will feature in a video.



Stay local this half term



Cornwall Council are asking residents across Cornwall are to steer clear of public places that could become crowded this half-term and keep following the lockdown rules.

Cornwall Council's Public Health team is warning that traditional holiday hotspots could become Covid-hotspots if people flock to them next week.

These include parks, playgrounds and beaches where car parks may become busy, and coastal paths which force people into close proximity as they pass each other.

People are also asked to think twice about making unnecessary trips to supermarkets and other retail outlets which may attract more people than usual over the break. You can read the full advice from Cornwall Council on their website by clicking [here](#).

Home Learning Survey

We have all had to get used to new ways of learning recently. We're keen to make sure that we are providing you the best learning and support that we can. We have created a Home Learning Survey and we are asking our parents and carers to take a minute to complete it. Your feedback will help us tailor our home learning to meet our school community's needs.

The survey only takes a minute to complete, you can find it [here](#).

If you would like to elaborate on your responses, would like to comment on some good practice that you have experienced or have some suggestions on how the school could better support you during lock-down, please email us head@lanivet.cornwall.sch.uk . Thank you.



Round the Sock PE Challenge!

Miss Coates set everyone a PE challenge this week, it's not too late to join in if you haven't already.

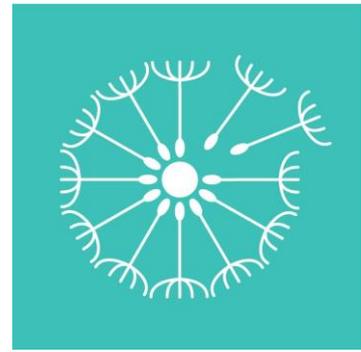
Watch the [video](#) first and then have a go. You can upload your achievements to Class Dojo or send them straight to Miss Coates, bcoates@lanivet.cornwall.sch.uk

Helping Parents with Home Learning

There's been a lot of chat about "fronted adverbials" in the press recently - things have changed in schools since we were kids!

If you fancy a free grammar refresher , to help support your home learning, our friends over Dandelion Learning are offering an on-line session that could help.

The session is called "Helping Parents with Home Learning: Getting to Grips with Grammar!" and is designed to help primary school parents with home learning. You can book on-line on their website [here](#).



Community Watch

Sadly there have been a couple of incidents in the village this week, we are asking if anyone has any information about them, to please get in touch.

There has been an incident of vandalism in our Early Years building. Earlier this week vandals smashed the window that leads into the infant toilets. Nothing of value is stored in the building but the inconvenience and costs of repairs are something that schools could really do without right now! If you live locally, please keep an eye out for the school premises and let us know if you see something suspicious.

A member of our school community has had their car damaged this morning, whilst it was parked at the Lanivet Hall for All car park. The incident happened at around 8:00, Friday, 12th February. It's possible that whoever damaged the car left a note but the weather has been so windy today, it could have blown away. If you hit a VW Touran, please get in touch so we can pass your details on. Thank you.