



Raddlebarn News

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Welcome back...

We hope that you are all well and keeping safe. It has been a very different start to school this term and we would like to say a huge thank you to our children and parents for all your support. Everyone has adapted so well to our new way of school life over the last couple of weeks. Teachers and staff are also really enjoying seeing the work that children are uploading each day onto Padlet, so please keep it coming! If any of our families need any assistance or guidance during this time please don't hesitate to email us.

Public Service Announcement

Parents: What we are being asked to do is not humanly possible. There is a reason we are either a working parent, a stay-at-home parent, or a part-time working parent.

Working, parenting, and teaching are three different jobs that cannot be done at the same time.

It's not hard because you are doing it wrong. It's hard because it's too much. Do the best you can.

When you have to pick, because at some point you will, choose connection. Pick playing a game over arguing about an academic assignment. Pick teaching your child to do laundry rather than feeling frustrated that they aren't helping. Pick laughing, and snuggling, and reminding them that they are safe.

If you are stressed, lower your expectations where you can and virtually reach out for social connection. We are in this together to stay well. That means mentally well, too.

Emily W. King, Ph.D.



The Contented Child

Teacher phone calls

Weekly teacher telephone calls and well-being checks are well underway and are going really well; there has been fabulous feedback from the pastoral and inclusion home visits this week; devices have been distributed or are on their way if a recent request has been made; technical support has been acted upon swiftly and extra support has been received for those who needed it.

A thank you for your thank yous

We are so grateful for all your support and kindness during this time. Here are a few of the messages we have received...

"We just wanted to say "Thank you" for all you have done (at short notice) and are continuing to do to keep children and staff safe, provide online learning and remain in contact with families.

We know this has been a time of tremendous pressure for schools for we just want to acknowledge all your hard work and say a huge well done & Thank you!"

"We just wanted to send an email to thank Raddlebarn for the provision provided for our daughter. Staff have been brilliant - before and during lockdown going above and beyond in looking after her. We both really appreciate the support Raddlebarn have offered her and the wider family. It's a real credit to your school.

Thanks and kind regards"

"Thank you for telephone support today, as I rode my emotional rollercoaster.

I just feel as a school you have nurtured and loved my child through some rocky old times - my goodness but somehow staff also see the positive - and provide my child with the boundaries, targets and approaches that work.

Your lockdown efforts have been incredible and have not gone unnoticed... although I struggled to keep up with the amazing content at home - the planning is so concise.... and inspirational... when do you sleep?

Thanks again for EVERYTHING!! "

"Thank you so much for the smooth running on the padlet. As a teacher myself, I can say that you are doing such an AMAZING job! My child has got into a routine now and the teacher comments really help him throughout the day. Thank you."

"Hello :)"

I just wanted to say thank you so much for sending out an iPad for my child to use to complete his school work. It made me smile after a very stressful and upsetting morning. It's really appreciated and he is very pleased to have something to complete his schoolwork on. You're all doing such a good job during this challenging time."

"Thank you for all you are doing for my son under difficult circumstances. It is much appreciated."



Thank you!

"Thank you so much for the thorough and supportive work you are setting for my child and the rest of the class. It can be scary as a parent but the friendly padlet page where he can see his friends and the calls from his class teacher have been brilliant. You are all doing a great job and I

Friends of Raddlebarn

A big thank you for providing the presents from Santa before Christmas and the time and dedication that they always offer, even through difficult times. There are many things that people do behind the scenes that many wouldn't even know about e.g sorting uniform, ordering items, banking funds, wrapping presents, sourcing and collecting prizes and much, much more. A huge thank you from us all.

Also, a huge thank you to Yvonne Cross from the Friends of Raddlebarn for all of her hard work single handedly sorting out all of the pre loved uniform donations ready for sale just before the Christmas break.

And finally, a big thank you to all of you, this has been a difficult time for everyone and we appreciate that home learning can be especially tricky sometimes. We all think that you are doing a fabulous job!

February 2021

Feb 12th	School Closes for half term
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Can we please ask that any correspondence to the school should be put in an email to the following email address:

enquiry@radlbarn.bham.sch.uk. Many thanks to all of you for your co-operation with this.