



We've made it! Today celebrates the end of the first half term and what a busy half term it has been. The children, no doubt like the staff are absolutely exhausted from a tiresome first half term back but what a joy it has been to see and hear our school full again with the hustle and bustle of learning.

It has been a term of change: welcoming new pupils and staff; introducing a new curriculum and now having set up a virtual learning platform through Microsoft Teams. Subsequently, we are now in a position to be able to support your child with accessing the classroom from their very own home should they be off school due to isolating or should we have to close a bubble. Every child in the school now has their own Microsoft Office account to enable them to login to access 'live learning' if the need should arise.

The school invested heavily this term in the phonics scheme: Read Write Inc in terms of brand new books for the children to take home as well as training for the staff. As a result of this the assessments that have taken place this week really do showcase just how much progress our pupils are making with regards to their reading. Please do keep up the hard work over half term and ensure that your child does read aloud daily – whatever their age.

Our new School Cook, Vicki, joined us this week and the children have warmly welcomed her to Ringstead. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you all that for your child to receive a school dinner, it must be pre-booked on ParentPay as no spare dinners are catered for.

This week saw our first School Council meeting, where the class representatives:

Year 1: Tadi, Year 2: Rio, Year 3: Olive, Year 4: Maisie, Year 5: Amelie and Year 6: Theo

shared fantastic ideas and developments for how to improve the school. These meetings are led by Miss Grunill and I would like to thank her

her hard work with implementing our School Council.

The School has recently purchased an online Maths program called Mathletics, whereby pupils have their own account and can access Maths learning via games to work on developing their knowledge and understanding within this subject area. Key Stage 2 pupils have been trialling this resource this term and have gained certificates already within certain areas and Key Stage 1 pupils will receive their logons at the start of next term.

All that is left for me to say now, is that I sincerely hope that you and your family have a lovely half term and stay safe. Following on from the guidance which was emailed out this morning from Northamptonshire County Council: stay firm this half term! Please do look after yourselves and help to keep our school community safe. I look forward to welcoming you all back after a well-deserved break.

Mrs Roberts

Dates for the Diary

Friday 23rd October Last day of term

Monday 2nd November Training Day

Tuesday 3rd November pupils back to school

Tuesday 15th December Puss in Boots Theatre Show

Dodgeball Club

Dodgeball begins on Wednesday 4th November and runs for 5 weeks until Wednesday 2nd December. To book your child a place please book visit www.randd-coaching.co.uk or contact Steve on 07739320007.

Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.
Proverbs 22 v 6