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Executive Headteachers Half Term Message

08th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a over a month since the January national lockdown began. I hope that you are coping with the circumstances and that those closest to you have not been badly affected. I wish you well.

Since returning to school after the festive break, children who have been in school have connected with learners at home through some 'live' lessons, via Microsoft Teams. All pupils both in school and at home are working hard and attentively and are very engaged with the lessons. I am very proud of their achievements. I know many of you have seen our lessons yourselves at home and thank you for all the positive feedback we have received which I have passed onto staff. It is great to hear that our learning provision, in school and at home, continues to enthuse and engage the children. We will continue to work hard to ensure that all school pupils are engaged and supported.

It is still unclear how long current arrangements will apply. A review of restrictions is planned in the week commencing 15th February, I will keep parents and carers updated during February half term, via Class Dojo following any announcement(s) made by the government or Department for Education. We very much hope that a reopening programme for more pupils from the 8th March 2021 will be confirmed. I will keep you updated.

Term Date Reminder - School closes on Friday 12th February 2021 and will re-open on Monday 22nd February 2021. School will resume onsite provision for current vulnerable children and current children of critical workers on Monday 22nd February at 8:55am or from 7:30am for those children who attend breakfast club. Remote learning pupils will access remote learning from 8:55am via www.pbcremotelearning.co.uk.

Once again, thank you for all your support and understanding during this time.

Have a safe and enjoyable February half term holiday.

Mrs S Darbyshire

Executive Headteacher



Socially distanced fun things to do this February Half Term

Make sure you continue to get some daily exercise and fresh air over half term. If you choose to go to a play area, follow these simple steps to protect your family and others:

- Do not arrange to meet other families in a playground, unless they are in your support bubble.
- Supervise your child closely to make sure they stick to the 2m social distancing rule.
- Sanitise hands before entering and after leaving the play area.
- If the play area is busy, go away and return back later.

Polite Reminders

As a reminder, only one person should enter the school grounds (where possible) to drop off/pick up children. Face masks should also be worn and a social distance of 2 metres from other people must be maintained.

Its great to see so many pupils ride a bike or scooter to school. We encourage children to cycle or scoot to school and have a large bike shed and a scooter shed on the playground, which means that they are secure during the school day. Children are however, not permitted to ride bikes or scooters on the school grounds including the playgrounds.

Supporting children's mental health during coronavirus.

Research suggests that the pandemic will affect everyone's mental wellbeing, particularly vulnerable groups such as children.

If you need advice and support about a child, or if you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, talk to a member of our school pastoral team for support.

We have lots resources to help support children and families within our community who need it.



Fun things to do with the kids in lockdown this half term

- ▶ You needn't be stuck for ideas to keep the children entertained.... Whether it be Den Building, Pebble Painting, Drawing, Potato Printing or just a tea party with a book we have plenty of ideas to keep children entertained. [Click Here](#) for a full list of creative and fun ideas.



Staff Twice Weekly Lateral Flow Device (LFD) – Covid Testing

- ▶ Please be aware that in school facility for Staff Lateral Flow Testing is now up and running. All staff are now undertaking twice weekly LFD tests and contacts of positive cases will be informed and required to self-isolate at home keeping everyone in school and our community safe.



Tuesday, 16 February is Shrove Tuesday.

Why not celebrate Pancake Day with your family. There are many wonderful ways for you and your child to mark Pancake Day.

Learn and sing along to a pancake song on youtube, hold a Pancake Day race, a tradition that has been celebrated for hundreds of years, participants must toss the pancake three times during the run or make a healthy funny fruit face pancake. We look forward to hearing your stories.

Up to date Contact Information

As there may be occasions when the school needs to contact parents or carers during the school day, it is vital that you inform school immediately if there are any changes to emergency contact details or home telephone/mobile numbers please kindly keep school updated of any change via email.



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