



12 February 2021

End of half term letter – Google Classrooms closes today for one week

Dear parents and carers

This has been a very trying half term but I am proud to see how well our children have persevered with their learning and managed to make progress despite the difficulties. I am very pleased with the lengths that our staff have gone to so that the children can engage with their learning and I am grateful for your support with remote learning.

We now await the announcement on the evening of 22nd February to find out when schools might re-open.

Supporting your children

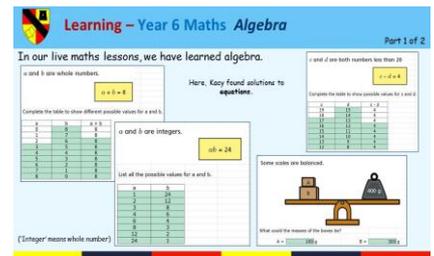
Thank you for the time, patience, creativity and effort you have put into supporting your children with their learning throughout the half term. We hope that you enjoy next week's break from remote learning!

Closing Google Classroom for half term break

Our Google Classrooms **will close for the holiday at 5pm today** and will reopen on Monday 22 February.

Celebration Assembly

This week's Assembly has lots of work from every year group along with the latest awards and this half term's house points. You can view the assembly here: <http://bit.ly/SJScelebration12Feb>



Epic reader

Children have access to a huge number of e-books from the Epic website between 7am and 4pm.

You can also get an extra two hours per week after-school access for your child by signing up at their site: getepic.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360043951232?input_string=increased+access+time



Pupil voice

Miss Perini and Mrs Whiting have set up Eco Committee and School Council areas on Google Classroom so that these groups can continue to meet and function during lockdown. Members of these groups will see these classrooms when they login.



Developing Remote Learning

Following feedback in the parent and carer survey we have begun to implement some smaller online lessons for children, especially those with special needs. We have discussed further refinements to remote learning to help families and will look to implement these after half term.

Yours sincerely, Mr Hunt

Reporting a positive COVID for children who have been in school this week

If your child was in school on Thursday 11th February or Friday 12th February and receives a positive COVID test:

- If your child receives a positive COVID test result and symptoms began on or before Sunday 14th February (or is asymptomatic but the positive test was taken on or before 14th February) then, you can report this by emailing COVIDreporting@someriesjuniorschool.co.uk to enable us to do contact tracing.
- If the start of symptoms (or the positive test date, if your child has no symptoms) are after Sunday 14th February, you do not need to contact the school during the holidays.

Please note that our normal school office phone number and email account will not be in use during the holidays.