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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we reach the end of this half term, I wanted to write to you to say a HUGE thank you for your support and hard work in what has been the most challenging of times. You and your children (and often grandparents too) have done a brilliant job juggling work, home life and remote learning!

The work that has been submitted on Showbie has shown us how hard you and your children have been working, and I hope you have found the marking and feedback, the class discussions and the phone calls / videos from staff to be supportive and helpful. It is very tricky for young children to understand why they cannot be with their friends, and they miss play so much, but hopefully we will be reunited in classes as soon as it is safe to do so.

I realise this half term has been extremely difficult, and getting the balance right will be different for every family, but any work uploaded is really valuable for us to assess what has been covered and completed in readiness for when school may open more widely.

I do hope that you have all managed to get out and make the most of the last few snowy days, and to enjoy some fresh air and fun with your children - I have loved seeing some of the photos on Showbie!

I am sure you will all be ready for a week of no home learning, and to have some 'screen free' days with your children, and I know my staff have never felt so exhausted so they will certainly enjoy some down time with their own families. Staff will not be accessing Showbie over half term, but the office e mails will be picked up by myself, Mrs Crompton and Mrs Scott, so if you need us for anything please get in touch (office@hvi.org.uk)

I really hope that we can start getting some normality back after half term, but as it stands we have no indication of what will be announced from the Government on 22 February, and we do not get any advance notice, so please bear with us during the first week back if we



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are expected to make plans with little notice! We will try to keep you informed of any developments, especially if they have implications for specific year groups.

However for now, I would like to say a thank you again for working with us, and I hope you and your family are keeping well and staying safe,

Kind regards,

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher



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