



Thank-you - I just want to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work over the past term, supporting those children in school but also families who are remote learning with their children.

Covid -19 - As we approach half term, there is still some uncertainty about how and when we will reopen the school, although we do know it is not until at least March 8th. As soon as we have any further information, we will let you know.

Remote Learning - We continue to receive extremely positive comments about our remote learning offer and are very proud of how well the majority of our children and families are engaging with this. If you are completing paper packs, please upload photos to your child's portfolio daily, this allows staff the time to give feedback. If you are not able to access Dojo, the last resort, is to return the paper pack the following Monday when you collect the new pack. This just ensures staff has enough time to mark and feedback.

There is a survey on Dojo that if you have not already completed, I would be really grateful if you could do so

C-19 Testing - The majority of school staff have now been issued with home testing kits and are being tested on a regular basis, as another measure to stop the spread of Covid-19.

School Website - We are continuing to update our website, on a regular basis, with everything from Coronavirus updates to general advice on managing a new way of life during this pandemic.

February Half Term - School will not be open during this half term period, the government have advised it is not necessary for school to be open to anyone during this time.

The Government have created a wider scheme to support families called 'Covid Winter Grant Scheme'. These are the same as the ones provided at Christmas and will be emailed out to families, from Thursday 4th February. You will receive one voucher for every child if you are eligible. Any questions please ring the office and speak to Mrs Bone.

Contact Tracing during Half Term Schools - School continues to play an important role in contact tracing for pupils and staff, who continue to attend school. If staff or pupils develop symptom, within 48 hours of finishing school on Friday 12th February, school will

take action and assist in identifying close contacts and advise on isolating. Please inform Mrs Curry via a Dojo message. If parents / carers or children develop symptoms / test positive after Sunday 14th February, please contact the NHS track and trace service who will provide the support.

Pupil Assessment - Whilst National Y6 and Y2 SATs as well as the Y1 Phonics tests, have been cancelled for this year, all other usual school assessment will take place. The Y4 National Times Tables check is not affected. We will still have internal Y6 and Y2 tests, as well as a Y1 phonics check. This enables us to ensure all teaching is specific to the needs of our children and will also allow us to provide parents with accurate information, about how well your child is doing in school in the usual written report to parents at the end of the year. It is very important to us that we provide all children with the best education possible and any disruption to learning is minimised, as much as possible, by the current situation.

Congratulations – Mrs Nichols has now begun her maternity leave, after Baby Nichols arrived a little earlier than expected. We have seen a couple of photos and he is absolutely gorgeous. Clay just makes the best big brother too! We wish them all the best and hopefully Mrs Nichols will rest and enjoy her maternity leave the best she can in these crazy times.

A note from the Chair of Governors: On behalf of the governors I would like to say a big thank you to all staff for their dedication this term to make sure our children are still having access to education. I would also like to say to all parents/carers a big thank you for the support you are giving the school and also the work you are doing at home to support your children and making sure they are being engaged in their remote learning. I appreciate how hard remote learning is but hopefully we can get the children back into school as soon as possible. Well done to everyone!

Finally,

Have a lovely half term and to those who have been accessing school, we will see you Monday 22nd February. For those who aren't in school, we will see you virtually ready to start again!

Stay safe and take care.

Mrs Curry

Deputy Headteacher