

12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of a very strange half-term, I would once again like to thank you on behalf of all the staff in school for the support we have received. We would like to say that you have been absolutely amazing. I want you to be proud of what you have achieved because we know what a huge struggle this has been for so many of you and for so many of the children. It feels like many privileges which we have always taken for granted have been taken away; we are missing loved ones and there is so much speculation all over the media; it is difficult to escape. Never has it been more important to look after each other, ourselves and our mental health and know that it is ok to reach out and ask for help and support where you may need it – it is certainly nothing to be ashamed about. As a school, we are proud to be able to offer not only educational support but moral support and reassurance and guidance. Never be afraid to pick up the phone and talk to us.

Just to remind you that remote learning continues on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February and school will re-open to those who are currently attending. This is also the date when the government will outline their plans with regards to schools re-opening and will hopefully provide some clarity around our next steps. Whatever the plan is, we will keep you informed about what this means for us as a school and for you and your children.

World Book Day this year will be on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March. This year, we would like the children to make and wear a mask of their favourite book character. They may dress up if they wish when joining zooms or coming to school. Children in school will be allowed to come in non-uniform on that day. At 2:30pm that afternoon, all the teachers in school will be reading a story. You will be able to choose which story you join. There will be a range of different activities set throughout the day.

I hope you manage to have a relaxing half-term. I know it will be different to other school holidays but hopefully it will be an opportunity for some of you to just unwind and recharge your batteries.

Stay safe,

*A M Deighton*

Mrs Allison Deighton

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