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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now approaching the end of a very unusual half - term in which you, your children and our staff have very quickly adapted to a new way of remote learning. We do hope that this is not the norm for too much longer and await further guidance as to the plan for the re-opening of schools. As soon as I receive such information, I will write to you with further details.

In the meantime, I would like to thank all members of the school community for the part they are playing in keeping our children safe and keeping our children learning.

Additional Live Activities

So many children have been actively participating in our Live PE lessons and assemblies since we launched these a couple of weeks ago. It has been wonderful to see the children and to hear their thoughts and ideas around a range of topics. Tarkan also wanted me to pass on a huge 'Well done!' for all your hard work in his P.E lessons. The links to both the weekly assemblies and P.E lessons are posted in your child's Google Classroom.

Screen Free Day

Lots of schools took part in a 'Screen Free Day' as part of Children's Mental Health Week last week. This is something we considered however, we are aware of how much the live lessons can provide support for working parents during the day and how important it is for pupil well - being to have some contact each day. With half term approaching, this would be a great opportunity to plan a screen free day. Go for a long walk, plan an indoor treasure hunt, put on a show or do some baking. The LIFE Passport (attached) also contains lots of ideas for screen - free activities. We can't wait to hear what you got up to!

Monday 22nd February - INSET Day

The first day back after half - term (Monday 22nd February) is a planned INSET Day and the school will be closed to all registered pupils. Remote learning will not be provided on this day and live lessons/ remote learning will resume on Tuesday 23rd February.



Virtual School Trips

On Friday 26th February, every year group will be going on a virtual school trip! Teachers have been very busy planning the destination of your online school trip which will include: exploring a new destination or place of interest online, activities to complete following the virtual visit and a chance to eat lunch together (the best part of any school trip!). Further details and timings for the day will be posted in your child's Google Classroom. We will share photos from the trips on Twitter.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term.
Take care and stay safe

K. Hart

Mrs K Hart
Head teacher

Key Dates

Monday 22nd February ~ INSET Day (School closed to all pupils and remote learning will not be set on this day)

Tuesday 23rd February ~ School re- opens to all registered vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers. Remote learning will continue to be set for all other pupils from today.

Friday 26th February ~ Virtual School Trips for all year groups (Details to be posted in Google Classroom)

Monday 15th March - Thursday 1st April ~ Remote Parent's Evening (Further details to follow after half term)

Thursday 1st April ~ Last day of the Spring Term (Normal finishing time)

