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'All Moving Forward Together'

12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to send out a very big thank you and well done to you all for helping us through this half term. You have all done a magnificent job supporting your children not only with their home learning but also helping them through this difficult time when they are missing their friends and the normal routines of school. I am sure half term will be a welcome and well deserved break for you all! Hopefully we will have some positive news during the week beginning 22nd February when the government set out their plans for the re-opening of schools. As you will already be aware they are suggesting a start date for this from 8th March but we will have to await the details before planning what this will look like for our school. I will of course be in touch with details as soon as I possibly can.

Free School Meal Provision and Additional Support

During the half term break the Local Authority are funding supermarket vouchers for each child entitled to free school meals. These will be delivered via email. We will continue with our usual food parcels from Tuesday 23rd February until children return to school.

We are pleased to continue offering additional support of groceries, toiletries and cleaning supplies for any families requiring this from 22^{nd} February. If you require support with this please let us know by completing this <u>form</u>.

Free WiFi Vouchers

BT have provided us with some vouchers which provide free internet data to support access to our school home learning resources. These can be used on any device which connects to the internet and you do not need to already be a BT customer. They are very simple to use so please <u>click</u> <u>here</u> to let us know if you would like one emailing to you.

Positive Covid-19 Results and Contact Tracing

As we move into the half term break we have been asked to continue supporting contact tracing for anyone with a positive covid-19 test result who has been in school prior to the school holiday. Can I please ask that if your child has been in school on Thursday 11th or Friday 12th February and develops symptoms of covid-19, then subsequently tests positive before the end of Sunday 14th February, that you send a text to 07768746807 as soon as possible and someone will call you back so that we can help to identify any close contacts from school.

I hope you all have a good half term together even though we all still have to continue to follow the lockdown restrictions by staying at home and not mixing households. By doing this we will hopefully have good news shortly about being able to return to school once again.

Thank you again from all the team. Take care and stay safe. Don't forget to keep a look out for the postman!!

Yours sincerely Mrs Sam Woolhouse Headteacher



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