



8th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stepping through 2021 Lockdown – Step 6 Half Term begins on Thursday – Moving On!

We really notice time passing during lockdown periods don't we? This is probably because we're keen to look for signs of 'making progress' or 'getting through it', and this week is no exception. This week, your half term break begins! **From Thursday there will be no in-school provision or remote learning opportunities shared until we begin again on Monday 22nd February.**

We know that the current arrangements and school closure will continue after half term, and that we can expect to hear more from government about this on 22nd February. We also know that thanks to the support that you, as parents and carers, have given to your children and families you have successfully made it to the Spring Half Term! That is no mean feat, given that for so many of you, this has meant your child being in school for only one day all half term.

Thanks again!

On behalf of every member of the school team and wider school community members too, could we say a **big thank-you to everyone who has played a part in helping us to manage in-school provision so positively and flexibly during this time.** Whether this saw you committing to keeping your child at home throughout the current period or being flexible and careful with your use of in-school provision, thank-you. You have enabled us to offer a place in school to every family that has requested one – an amazing achievement! Although we now see numbers getting tight, you continue to help us with this where you can. It really is a privilege to share in an experience where everyone is giving, one way or another, for the benefit of each other.

Don't forget where we are!

What we recognise of course is that none of this will have been easy, for anyone. And sadly half term and beyond isn't going to get easier immediately. We remain keen to hear from you and keen to help you during these difficult times. If you take the trouble to get in touch with us, we'll always try and make it worth your while, one way or another. You know how to make contact – phone, email, School Gateway.

Laptop Update

We have shared all of the laptops that we received from the government with families – thanks for sharing your need for these with us. The good news is that we have another handful coming. If a new laptop in your home would support your child and you please get in touch.

World Book Day

This takes place on Thursday 4th March. Most children will be at home for this but we're keen that it's still a day to celebrate books. With this in mind we're having a 'bedtime stories' theme. This will see lots of storytimes happening throughout the day and you will be invited to join us...in your pyjamas! More details on this will follow in the regular school newsletter.

As always, we'll continue to be in touch during this week – take care and feel comfortable with having 'good enough' days. If it ever feels like you could do with some help, please get in touch – we'll always be pleased to hear from you. Take care.

Yours sincerely,

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