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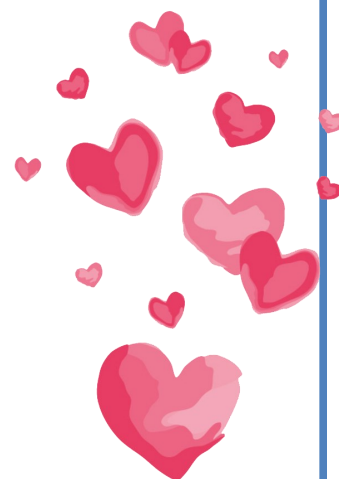
Newsletter

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As we approach the end of this half term I wanted to say a massive **"Well Done"** to all of our families—you are all doing so well and we know it isn't easy!

I know that the "holiday" next week won't feel like much of a break to many of you, especially with typical British weather forecast and lockdown still in full force; but I hope that you can at least enjoy a guilt-free break from home learning and do some lovely family things together! Here are some ideas:



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM BOREDOM BUSTER

MONDAY

15th February:
Home Cinema Day

Grab the popcorn, close the curtains and have a home cinema day, maybe watch some Harry Potter Films or the have the kids pick their favourite film each.

TUESDAY

16th February:
Pancake Day

Go mad with pancakes, try some new flavours - we have a great blog for inspiration...

WEDNESDAY

17th February:
National Random Acts of Kindness Day

Do something nice for a loved one, neighbour or your community. You could drop a card round to a friend, do a local litter pick or craft something special for a loved one!

THURSDAY

18th February:
Talent Show Day

Get the kids to design a stage, a sign and get them practising their best talents in preparation for an evening Talent Show!

One for the Parents:
National Drink Wine Day

Host a virtual Wine Tasting event for your friends and celebrate Half Term and no homeschooling for a week!!!

FRIDAY

19th February:
Bake Off Day

A great one to do with friends! Set a theme such as cupcakes and get all the kids friends cooking together on Zoom.



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Remote Learning

We would love to get some feedback on the remote learning that we are providing for children at home. We have created a short **survey** for children and one for parents, to help us understand what is working well for you and what we could be making even better.

We would really appreciate if you could take a few minutes this week to complete the surveys there is a link to them here:



Parent survey: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hK6SjwqW_KWNfZnF5eafIRYNJSMUNF9JuDNIPqTMo4pUNU83QTIEQJdSVUpRUUxVTFIDUTdPV1pCQ54u

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Child survey: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hK6SjwqW_KWNfZnF5eafIRYNJSMUNF9JuDNIPqTMo4pUNU83QTIEQJdSVUpRUUxVTFIDUTdPV1pCQ54u

We have also made the decision to stop the after school **class social meetings** from this week onwards as these were only being accessed by a very small number of children, If you do want to speak to your child's class teacher, contact school and we will arrange a time for them to call you back.

Safer Internet Day

Tomorrow (Tuesday 9th February) is Safer Internet Day. The theme this year is "An internet we trust" - we are thinking about how we can make sure things we see and hear online are reliable.

With our children online more than ever this year, it is really important for us to help them know how to stay safe digitally.

There is a short video course for parents at this website:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/courses/online-safety-klass-for-parents-and-carers-ages-4-7>

And the NSPCC website has lots of information, including advice about setting parental controls on devices available here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Tomorrow children in school and those learning at home will be thinking about e-safety.

Mr Staines will be leading an **assembly** that children at home and in school can join at **9.10am** on the **Worship channel**.



Safer Internet Day 2021 | Tuesday 9th February
saferinternetday.org.uk

Parents' Evening

We will be holding virtual parents' evenings in the first two weeks after half term. This year the meeting will be a chance for you to talk to your child's class teacher about how they are finding things during lockdown, and to ask any questions you have about how to support your child's learning or their general wellbeing.

We are looking into how we can offer appointments and arrange them on video or phone call and we will let you know how to book an appointment in the next few days.

Ten minute appointments will be **Monday-Thursday** between **3.40pm** and **4.10pm** in the weeks beginning **22nd February** and **1st March**. Anyone who will not be able to access a virtual call at this time should contact the school office.



Lunar New Year



This Friday (12th February) is the Lunar New Year festival, celebrated in China and many other Asian countries.

Children will be finding out about the festival in their learning this week and we are inviting children in school and those at home to **wear red clothes for the day**.

We wish all our families who are honouring the festival happiness and prosperity for 2021.

Finding it Tough?

If you are finding lockdown hard, for whatever reason, please know that you are not alone, and that we are here to help. Mrs McFall is available in school most days if you feel like you need some help or just to offload your worries; so please get in touch!

Birmingham Council have paid for a parenting course (normally £88) for any families in Birmingham to access. A flyer is attached, or you can go to www.inourplace.co.uk and enter the 'access code' **COMMUNITY**

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



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Some amazing
snowy creations
from home and
school this
half term!

