

Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an unforgettable half term for so many reasons! We have missed seeing all the children in school each day. Remote learning can never replace the face to face contact. However, the children in school and at home have been fantastic this term and we have enjoyed watching them all make progress. Hopefully, after half term we will have some clarity about when all the children can return full-time.

Remote learning questionnaire

Many thanks to everyone who has completed the remote learning questionnaire. It has been really helpful for us to get feedback from you. If you haven't completed it yet there is still time over half term. Following the feedback we have had from you, we have decided that after half term Wednesday afternoons will be Wellbeing Wednesday sessions. The teachers will give suggestions as to art/craft/DT activities you could do with your children away from the screen. Then Friday afternoons will be fitness Friday sessions where the teachers with Mrs Turner will give suggestions for PE/Keep fit activities the children could take part in. Again away from the screen and getting the children active.

Fire Safety

Usually at this time of year we have the Fire Safety Officers in to talk to the children. Unfortunately they can't visit at the moment but they have sent a sheet which is attached to encourage discussion with your child about what to do if there was a fire at home and you needed to call 999.

All households especially those with children or elderly residents should have working smoke alarms. If you don't have a working smoke alarm you are entitled to a free Home Safety Visit. We have attached more information and the phone number to contact for more details.

Reading

We continue to offer the opportunity for books to be changed each week from outside the office which is working really well. However, if you need more books Digital Library Devon libraries have been increasing their catalogue of eBooks and eAudiobooks for children including their Beginner Reads collection. This means that families can find new things to read via their laptops, tablets, eReaders or smartphones. For the grownups in addition to eBooks there's free access to eMagazines, newspapers and other digital resources such as Ancestry Online. You will need to be a library member to access these resources but joining online is free and easy via the website - <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/join-thelibrary>

Mittens

One of our lovely parents has made lots of mittens to help those who are struggling financially. If you need some mittens for your children please let us know in the office so we can get some for you. The mittens are lovely patterns and on string to reduce the risk of them being lost. They are provided in separate bags and quarantined so they are Covid secure.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford