



5th February 2021

Dear Families and Friends,

As the half term comes to a close, we are thinking about the events and celebrations ahead, such as Valentines, Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year to name but a few.

We have been notified of the winners to the community Lego competition as follows:

Winner: Rosie Mason (see attached photos)

Runner Up: Henry and Finley Purches (see attached photos)

Our town mayor, Mr Paul Mackin, selected the winners and their prizes are in school to collect from Monday.

Rosco has been enjoying his muddy walks, in between remote learning....and will be back in school on Monday. The cookery, birdwatching and scavenger hunts both at home and at school have been wonderful to see. Y4 have also had a visitor to their virtual sessions to talk about when Singapore fell to Japan in World 2.

A remote learning survey will be coming out to families next week, and I am hoping that some parents will spare the time to sit on a forum with myself and Mrs Ross as we move back to whole school opening sometime mid March, if the national picture continues to improve. We surveyed staff in school this week and have been overwhelmed with the level of positivity, and the fabulous things being said about the children's learning and feedback. We remind families to adhere to the online safety policy that was sent in November, and attach some additional information from CBC with this parentmail also.

Wellbeing Wednesdays have been very positive, and your feedback has been helpful. We will therefore continue with these. We will be increasing the recorded assemblies starting with Mr Wakefield's values assemblies on Wellbeing Wednesdays. We hope you have been enjoying the PE challenges too? We would love to see photos and learn about your ideas for increasing activity at home. Photos of the snow on Sunday if it arrives too please!

Lastly, and by no means least - Mr Gardiner, our wonderful Site Manager, retires on 12th February. I know many of you will want to pass on your sentiments and encourage you to send to the office should you wish to do so. Mr Gardiner, organised as ever, has been handing over the reins to our new site managers, Mr

Nittolo and Mr Thorogood over last week and into next and they have had a warm Shefford welcome. I am sure you will all join me in saying a fond farewell to Mr Gardiner, who for now leaves us quietly, with celebrations to follow when restrictions are lifted. We know you will always be a friend and support to our lovely school and look forward to your visits.

Have a wonderful weekend. Stay safe & well.

Yours sincerely,

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