



12th February 2021

Dear Families and Friends,

Half term is upon us, and it has been a very speedy short half term compared with Autumn. The children have experienced a lot of upheaval and shown great determination and resilience. We are very proud of them.

This week I have had the pleasure of seeing children on TEAMS calls and have seen lots of lovely learning. Year 4 have been writing their letters from the view point of an evacuee to go with their WWII project. I have enjoyed popping in to year 3 to learn about parallel lines and homophones too.

Around the school, as well as remotely, we have been learning about celebrations, including Chinese New Year. I was even brought a fortune cookie which reminded me of the motto on our school badge. The cookie said "Believe in what you can do".

We have our community 'Feel The Love' project happening during half term, and of course there is Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday happening as well. So, lots to talk about when we come back on 22nd February.

We anticipate that we will be welcoming more pupils back from March 8th, and hope that by adhering to the safety measures in place, we can continue to keep our community safe. We have been making plans for the curriculum adaptations and retrieval plans, so that children feel secure and happy when they re-enter school after the restrictions ease. Thank you for your support with suggestions and insight.

We have received a high demand for the available school places, and we must therefore remind families that the DfE guidance remains the same. If your child can be safely at home, they must stay home. This is until school fully reopens, after which point, we will open with *covid-safe* measures in place as before.

Today, we said 'Happy Retirement' to Mr Gardiner on his last day. He enjoyed reading through the wonderful messages and drawings from children and has promised to stay in touch. Mr Nittolo and Mr Thorogood have been working with Mr Gardiner over the past couple of weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

In year 3, we also say goodbye to Mrs Lynn-Mulholland, whose last day comes mid break, and wish her the best for the future.

When we return, we will be looking forward to the events for World Book Day, followed by some exciting innovations for British Science Week.

Have a restful half term, and we look forward to hearing from everyone in the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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