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12th February 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well. Well, what a busy week children have had both at home and at school and we are now at the end of the Spring half term. A very big thank you to the families who have been learning at home – you should be so proud of all that your children have achieved – just as we are!

As always, my weekly letter home will be to update you about a range of things and hopefully provide you with lots of up-to-date information whether your child is at home or in school.

Feedback on Remote Learning Survey

Thank you so much for everyone who has completed this survey this week. Your feedback is invaluable and your comments and suggestions have raised some interesting points, which will help us to shape our offer even more. After half term, I will share the findings with you in more detail and will share with you any changes we make as a direct result of what you have shared with us. Some of the very immediate ones are relating to reading and screen time.



Reading - Many of you asked about ideas for reading books for your children at home - the teachers will share recommended reads with you moving forward and make more books available from school for your child to enjoy.

Screen time – Again, a number of parents have asked about screen time. With this in mind, teachers will be considering other ways that your child can show their learning across a range of subjects that do not always require them to be sat at a computer or other device and typing their responses. Look out for more opportunities for our pupils to get creative and produce outcomes away from a screen.

Parent Questionnaire results



Attached with this letter are the results of the parent questionnaire that we did just before Christmas. I wanted to thank you for taking the time to complete it and for sharing not only such positive feedback but also some really interesting suggestions and things for us to consider as a school. You will see the next steps that we have planned as a result of what you have said and I will keep you updated about this next half term.

Assemblies

Next half term, on Mondays, I will be posting a whole school, recorded assembly for you to enjoy with your child at home. (These will be posted onto your child's Google Classroom stream or onto Tapestry) There will be a different focus each week and opportunities for you to discuss big ideas with your child



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and also opportunities for your child to submit something in response to what they have listened to. All children's responses will be shared in the next week's assembly.

Parent Consultations

These will be held after the half term in the weeks beginning March 15th and March 22nd and as we did in the Summer term, these will be held remotely. We will open the booking system on Tuesday 23rd February and Mrs Yeo will be sending home a letter with all of the details you need to book your consultation with your child's teacher. This will be a great opportunity to discuss the progress your child has made and their next steps.



Tea and Talk

Following on from requests from the survey you recently completed, lots of parents of children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 have asked for some support with the teaching of phonics at home. Therefore, 'Tea and Talk' for the first week back (on Thursday at 12.45 – 1.30pm) will be phonics-themed and will give you an opportunity to ask any question related to phonics and also to have some key teaching ideas modelled so that you can support your child even more.



After half term, please contact Miss Lea in the academy office for the link. We look forward to seeing lots of parents in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 there.

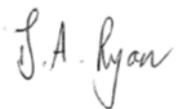
Mrs Mullane

And finally, we all want to wish Mrs Mullane (our Y4 teacher) all the best for her maternity leave that starts today. We will of course keep you updated with any baby news in the coming weeks. Welcome to Miss Grimes who will be teaching Hollies from after the half term holiday.

And it now just leaves me to wish you all a wonderful half term break. This is a chance for you (as much as possible) to rest and recharge your batteries too. Let's hope that the weather is kind so that we can all enjoy the outdoors.

Please look after yourselves. Thank you for your ongoing support and remember that we are here for you! We will see you all on Monday 22nd February for remote learning or back in the classroom.

Best wishes and please take care,



Miss Ryan
(Head of Academy)