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Dear Parents,

A wintery week has allowed us to take some snowy pictures of the school that I have included below. As promised last week we have put a gallery of photographs on the website of examples of children doing different activities to promote last week's Children's Mental Health Week. Thank you to all who contributed to the gallery.

<https://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/our-learning/gallery-2/>

Next half term

With speculation in the media about precisely when schools will reopen, we very much appreciate that for many families this is an extremely challenging time. As school leaders, we have no further updates on the issue of the full reopening of the school and hope that we will get confirmation of the Monday 8th March as soon as possible. Rest assured you will be the first to hear as soon as any further information is sent to us by the Department for Education.



We cannot begin to tell you how we are all very much looking forward to the day when we can welcome all the children back in school and we can enjoy being together again.

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To reassure you, we are already thinking about how we can best support children to catch up once they begin to attend school again. In the Autumn Term, we assessed the children early on in the term and set up class and in school small group interventions. We will reassess all the children when they next return and will adapt these interventions to take account of the latest gaps. Rest assured, we are committed to ensuring any gaps are quickly filled.

In the meantime, we continue to try to reduce as much risk at school as possible. For critical worker parents please continue to keep your children at home when you can as well as keeping children at home if they are unwell. Please also follow the one way system when dropping off or collecting and we strongly advise you to wear a face mask whilst on the school premises. From parent feedback we know that families feel more secure if our community wears face masks on site (although we also know that some parents are exempt). As a school we can only strongly advise regarding face masks and so are very grateful for your support in this.

Parent Teacher Discussions

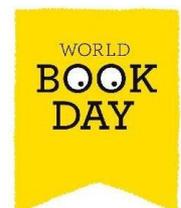
I hope that you all received details this week of how to book an appointment for the Parent Teacher Discussions after half term [Tuesday 23rd & Friday 26th February]. Please contact the office if you did not. The bookings will close at 12 noon on Monday 22nd February.



Reading & World Book Day

As mentioned last week, we have set the children some fun reading activities leading up to World Book Day which is on Thursday 4th March. The children have been asked to take photographs of themselves in **Unusual Reading Spots!**

Over half term they can also take part in our Reading Stars challenge. [Click here](#) to discover the different reading challenges set for them.



You can also find recommended book lists for each year group on our website. <https://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/our-learning/english/>



We also launched our **Masked Reader** challenge with the children this week. Like the TV programme The Masked Singer, children are invited to disguise themselves and then make a short video reading from their favourite book. They can then submit the video on Google Classroom for their classmates to guess who is who!

Rumours are that there will also be a staff version of this for the children to guess. [Click here for further details.](#)

Finally

We had some more great live events streamed from school this week. If you missed **Mrs Onezime's cookery class** I thoroughly recommend that you look at the [recording of the session here](#) if you fancy cooking some delicious sausage rolls up over half term! Mrs O's Cooking Classes will return on Tuesday 23rd February at 12 noon.

Today's **end of half term disco** was also a great success; it was lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves and dancing to the tunes being spun by our resident DJ! It was a lovely way to end a half term where the children have worked so hard.

Thank you very much to Mrs Onezime, Mr Canham and Mr Kimber for making these sessions so enjoyable.

Thank you to all of you who supported your children to fill in the children's surveys regarding remote learning recently. This, along with feedback from parents and staff enables us to make sure we are doing the best that we can, to make the learning experience as good as it can be.

I hope that you all have a restful half term.

Best wishes



Mr K Ellis
Acting Headteacher

Dates for your diary

15th - 19th February:	Half term - the school will be closed
Monday 22nd February:	Start of Spring Term 2
Tuesday 23rd February:	Parent and Teacher Discussions - 3.30pm – 7.00pm
Friday 26th February:	Parent and Teacher Discussions - 8.30am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 31st March:	End of Spring Term 2 [school ends at 1.30pm]
Monday 19th April:	Provisional INSET day
Tuesday 20th April:	Start of Summer Term 1

Useful Links

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-mental-health-and-wellbeing-aspects-of-coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/our-learning/mindfulness/>