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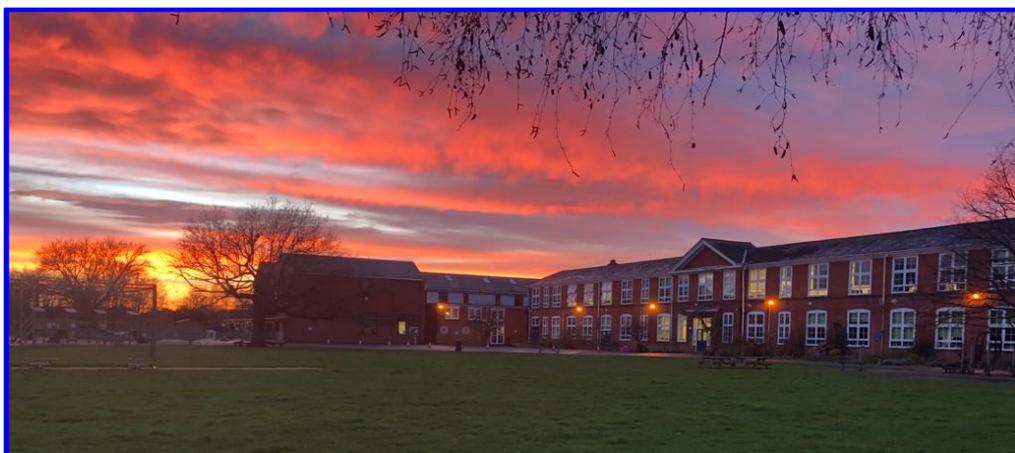
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Friday, 5th February 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. While we cannot know for certain what will happen over the coming weeks, it is worth considering this period as a marathon, not a sprint, and pace yourself with home learning and expectations of yourself and your child – the most important thing is to look after your own and your family's well-being above everything.



Children's Mental Health Week

The participation in Children's Mental Health week has been inspiring to see. Children have been sharing with their class the different activities they have been doing as well as many taking part in the live streaming workout sessions this week. It was great to see the children participating; I even spotted a family pet taking part at one stage! Thanks to Mr DeHaarte, Mr Kimber and Mr Canham for making the sessions such fun. We will put some photos of the activities on our website gallery for you to view.

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Of course we are mindful to keep well-being in the spotlight at all times; we are adding resources for children and adults at the end of this newsletter.

Next week we have a series of events that we are inviting the children to take part in.

Cooking with Mrs O

On **Tuesday 9th February at 12.00 noon**, Mrs Onezime will be leading a live streamed cooking session at lunchtime.



If you fancy doing some cooking with your child Mrs O's cookery classes will be cooking delicious Sausage Roll Ups. The ingredients [are here](#) and the link for the live stream will be sent out in Google Classrooms 5 minutes before the session. We hope the children enjoy taking part in this.

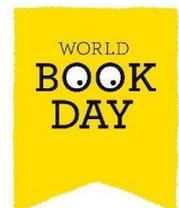
Friday Disco



Next **Friday 12th February**, to celebrate the hard work and resilience that the children have shown this unusual half term, our resident DJs Mr Canham and Mr Kimber will be holding a **virtual disco**! Children are invited to dress up [if they want!] and login through the Google Classrooms again at **1.35pm**. The disco will replace the afternoon teacher sessions and will be for half an hour.

Reading

We all recognise the importance of reading and the challenges of keeping your children reading through lockdown. The children focus on reading in their daily learning with the book of the term, phonics tasks and reading comprehensions. It is also important that children see reading for enjoyment as an important part of their lives, allowing them to get 'lost' in a book, or be fascinated by finding out about things they are interested in through information books.



World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March and leading up to this we are launching a series of fun reading activities for the children to take part in. Please look out for reading challenges over the next few weeks, starting with our **Unusual Reading Spots** challenge. We will also be sending you age appropriate reading lists.

Parent Teacher Discussions

These will be held virtually on **Tuesday 23rd February [3.30pm - 7.00pm]** and **Friday 26th February [8.30am - 4.00pm]** and you will be able to book appointments for these from next Wednesday 10th February. Details of how to book will be sent out early next week.

INSET Day

We are all looking forward to receiving more details of the government's plans to reopen schools and as soon as we have any details we will share these with you at the earliest possible time. We have decided to add a provisional INSET day on **Monday 19th April** which will greatly help us with our back to school organisation. This means that the Summer Term 1 will start on **Tuesday 20th April**. Please note that this does not affect the INSET day on Friday 2nd July.

Finally

You may be interested to know that the overgrown area next to the path on the back field has been turfed over this week and looks much smarter.



School will finish for the half term next Friday at 3pm and will be closed over the half term week. Unfortunately, because of lockdown restrictions, we are unable to provide a holiday club.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Keith Ellis

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th February:

12.00 noon - Cooking with Mrs O

Friday 12th February:

1.35pm Virtual School Disco

End of Spring Term 1

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>