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Dear Parents and Carers,

First and foremost I wanted to say thank you and share how proud I am of all of the staff & pupils in school for their unfaltering effort to follow the guidelines from the government and our risk assessment this half term. To coin a phrase, I believe the 'proof is in the pudding' in the fact that we have not had a single KS1 or KS2 bubble closure - it shows that following the rules really does make the difference.

I am sure that, like so many families, you are looking forward to a well-deserved break this half term but wanted to reiterate the importance of keeping everyone safe by adhering to the government guidelines. Although it is half term, I wanted to reaffirm that, unfortunately, **unless you are going out for food, work or emergency reasons - you must stay at home.** I have included the website for the government's page on travel should you want to check the exemptions from the 'Stay at home' ruling. <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

We unfortunately do not, at this time, have any more information relating to the Prime Minister's 8th of March return for all pupils. Therefore, after half-term, we will be continuing to operate as we did for this half-term.

As a school, we have strived to offer as many places as we possibly can to the most vulnerable and in-need pupils without compromising their, or staff, safety. However, we do this as we believe that you are '**doing your bit**' in following the guidelines too. Can we just remind you that it is everyone's responsibility to ensure we are doing what we can to keep everyone in our community safe.

Remote Learning

Well done to all of our Remote Learning Superstars who have received the Remote Learning certificates meaning they have completed a full week's work at home. A massive thank you to the adults at home who have undoubtedly supported and encouraged the children to complete the work too!

Class teachers nominate a remote learner each week that they feel has made an exceptional effort with their work. These pupils then receive a personal praise phone call from Miss Francis. These have been very well received and have helped parents and children celebrate the amazing work they have completed.

We have listened to feedback from parents that some longer writing pieces and some of the maths work may have been more tricky so we have decided to put together some physical packs to give pupils the choice of working digitally on Google Classroom or completing the longer tasks on paper and sending photographs over Google Classroom. If you have not managed to collect your resource pack, these will be delivered, week beginning 22nd February 2021.

We must also reiterate that, **if your child has not attended school for any reason other than illness, they are expected to complete Remote Learning.**

Mental Health First Aiders

With mental health and wellbeing being affected so widely in the current pandemic, we are pleased to announce that our SLT team have joined Miss Stevens and Mrs Howard in becoming Mental Health First Aiders.

Having these mental health first aiders in school means that we are able to effectively recognise and support members of the leamore staff and pupils who may be suffering.



Safer Internet Day 2021

Unable to have our usual Safer Internet Workshops in school, we are delighted to say that our pupils were still able to achieve something amazing...a Guinness World Record no less! This was achieved in collaboration with 2Simple (Purple Mash) which is used for teaching computing in school and on Google Classroom.



GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ ATTEMPT

Thank you to everyone who took part in helping to break an official GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for

Most pledges received for an internet safety campaign in 24 hours

ASPIRE

Aspire will take a slightly different focus this half term. In addition to the usual in school nomination we will also be recognising the children that have completed all of their remote learning every day. This will be held week beginning 22nd February 2021. Details to follow.

Don't worry if you were a nominee at Christmas, you haven't been forgotten. We will run an additional ASPIRE to ensure you get your recognition. Details to follow.

However you choose to fill your half term please stay safe and we will see you again when school returns on Monday 22/02/2021.

Yours Sincerely
Miss L. Francis
(Headteacher)