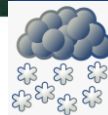




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Happy Holidays

Thank you to everyone for supporting our school and working with us during what has been a very challenging half term. The government in England have not yet given out information about schools reopening so at the moment we are planning for online learning to continue after the holidays.

I have been so impressed with the engagement from the children online and with the support from the parents. I appreciate this has been a real challenge, especially under the lockdown climate, if a parent is deployed or if parents have had to support more than one child with their learning and for some parents, work online themselves at the same time.

Please take some time for yourselves and your family over half-term and fingers crossed for brighter days and sunnier weather. A heartfelt thank you from us all at school for your support as this will ensure your children can continue with their face to face learning seamlessly when we return to school fully.

Thank You

Well-Being in Half Term

Although you might feel limited in terms of what you can do at the moment, there are plenty of places to walk/run/cycle in the local area without going in the car. If you are looking for inspiration, The National Trust's *50 Things to do Before You're 11 ¾* is great for ideas! Here is the link to the poster:

<https://nt.global.ssl.fastly.net/documents/50-things-activity-list.pdf> and the website:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do>



Despite the very cold weather and the restrictions around Covid, it's really important that the children get outside and exercise during the holidays. Please ensure that children play and exercise safely outdoors and do not leave the house if they are self-isolating.

Children will also benefit from a break in their online lessons, so you could try doing some of the activities the teachers shared last Friday such as board games, art, reading or baking.

Have a safe and happy half term!

Lessons restart at 9am on Monday 22nd February.

Parent Questionnaire – Remote Learning

Thank you to everyone who has completed the remote learning questionnaire so far! We have had such fantastic feedback around the remote learning offer, we would like to capture this positivity! Please go to the link below (it only takes a few minutes!):

<https://forms.gle/QmCAaV3U4b6LCy3z6>

Reporting Covid-19 Cases during the holidays

It is very important that you continue to tell us about any cases of Covid-19 which may affect our school. This is necessary whether or not your child has been in school.

We need to know if:

- a child tests positive
- a household member tests positive
- a child comes into contact with someone who tests positive

Please provide your child's full name, class name and either the date of the positive test or the date when they came into contact with someone who tested positive.

This information must be sent to covid@zouch.wilts.sch.uk as soon as you know about a positive test.

Class Texts for Next Term

Please have a look at the texts the children will be reading next term. In the first week back we will be providing more details through a Curriculum Web:

Nursery and Reception:

'Once upon a time...' Traditional Stories including: *3 Little Pigs*, *3 Billy Goats Gruff*, *The Gingerbread Man*, *Jack and the Bean Stalk*, *Chicken Licken* and *The Little Red Hen*.

Year 1 and Year 2:

Jack and the Beanstalk



Year 3:

'*Theseus and The Minotaur*' by Marcia Williams and '*The Danger Zone - Avoid entering the Ancient Greek Olympics!*' by Michael Ford

Year 4:

'*Usborne Illustrated Stories from the Greek Myths*' by Lesley Sims

Years 5 and 6:

'*The Black Hole*' (animated) and *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* by Mordicai Gerstein

Design Project

This morning, all of the children took part in their Design Technology project. We really enjoyed seeing so much creativity (from both children and parents!) This is something that the children really enjoyed so thank you very much to Miss Cole for organising and to parents for collecting the resources.

Science Festival:

After half term we will be taking part in a science festival: <https://www.scienceswindon.com/primary>
Children will be able to log-on to take part on 25th and 26th February. More details to follow.

World Book Day:

We will be dressing up as our favourite book characters on 4th March and taking part in some exciting activities (both online and in school). We will also be putting on a bedtime story session for all children on Monday 6th March (details to follow).



Guidance on Symptoms

If your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19, he/she and any siblings must not come into school for 10 days from the first day of the symptoms.

Symptoms are:

High temperature; New/Continuous Cough; Loss of Smell or Taste

You must arrange for your child to be **tested** as soon as possible.

If your child receives a **negative test**, he/she and any siblings may return to school.

If your child receives a **positive test**, he/she and any siblings should remain off school for 10 days from **the date of the positive test and school must be notified.**

If it is known that your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, your child must isolate for 10 days, even if they have no symptoms.

Dates for Next Term:

Monday 22nd February – First day back (lessons start 9am)

Thursday 25th and Friday 26th – Science Festival (information to follow)

Monday 1st March – Bedtime story (information to follow)

Thursday 4th March – Dress up for World Book Day (details to follow)

Critical Workers

A reminder that children of critical workers can only attend school when:

- **both parents are critical workers**
- **both parents are in work that day**
- **there is no alternative childcare option**

The timings are:

Lower School (Nursery-Year 2): 9.00am – 2.55pm

Upper School (Years 3-6): 8.50am – 3.05pm