



5 February 2021

*"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."  
Joshua 1:9*

This week has been Children's Mental Health Awareness Week and I know there have been lots of activities taking place across all the year groups linked to this. I have really enjoyed seeing children 'express themselves' with the clothes they have chosen to wear and hearing the reasons why. Mental health awareness is so important for us all. To encourage us to all take a bit of time to do the things we enjoy, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February will be a school 'unplugged day' where we will be encouraging children to ditch their devices and screens. Your child's class teacher will be sharing more information about this at the beginning of next week.

If your child is unable to attend remote learning, please let us know in the usual way via the school office. The teachers are keeping registers for each lesson and we need to record reasons why pupils might not have attended. Additionally, I would like to remind you that whilst your child is remote learning at home, please inform us if they are self-isolating because they have been in contact with someone who has coronavirus, have booked a test because they have symptoms or have a positive test result. The school is required to report this information daily to the DfE.

We are taking steps to become a 'cashless' school and take any payments you might need to make electronically using a platform called Parentmail. Over the coming weeks we will be sending some further information to you about how you can register and get set up.

Finally, with only one more week to go until the half-term break I would like to spread a bit of positivity. Give yourself a moment to reflect on your successes, as I am sure there have been many. Over the past five weeks you have been a parent, a teacher as well as possibly continuing with your own job. And all of this with your children at home 24/7! Thank you for your continued support with home learning. Throughout this term we have received numerous positive emails from parents and these really do make a difference to our staff. Alongside these kind messages to staff, I also regularly listen to complimentary comments from the teachers about you. A common theme is how helpful you are and how amazing you are at juggling the demands of home learning; sometimes with two or more children. So, throughout the weekend and next week let us all spread a bit of positivity. We may be a bit tired and frustrated at times, but fill your family home with happiness and time for one another. Do something different together; play a game, go for a walk, make a mess in the kitchen or cosy up under a duvet watching a programme together. Thank you and well done for all you are doing.

With warmest wishes

*J Bloomfield*

**Judith Bloomfield**

**Headteacher**





### TERM DATES 2020/21

<b>Spring Term 2021</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
<b>Summer Term 2021</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021
<b>Autumn Term 2021</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2020/2021		
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>		School breaks up for half-term
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>		School re-opens after half-term
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	New	World Book Day
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	New	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>		Spring Term Ends
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>		National Primary School allocation day
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>		Summer Term starts
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>		Class photos
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>		Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Course for Year 5
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>		School breaks up for half-term
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>		School re-opens after half-term
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>		Summer Term ends
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>		INSET Day
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>		Autumn Term starts