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The February Half Term Break

Just in case you missed the news last week...the DfE have stated that, 'Schools will close as usual over the February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers during that week'.

Therefore THT will close after school on 12th February and will reopen at 8am on 22nd February.

The Government also announced last week that schools will remain partially closed to the majority of pupils (and partially open to vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers) for the time being and a target date for wider opening is being set as 8th March - so watch this space!!

Booking your child's place in the Hub for the week beginning 22nd February

The booking form on the School App for places in next week's hub is already open and will close at midnight on 3rd February.

The booking form for the week after half term (the week beginning 22nd February) will then open, but we will leave the form open until 12 noon on Friday 12th February. This will hopefully give people who work 'shifts' time to find out when they are working during that week.

The THT Hub - update

For the first time this week, our Year 3/4 Bubble was oversubscribed and unfortunately we had to talk to some parents / carers to break the news that we did not have enough spaces for their children.

Gratefully, some parents had already organised different arrangements and shift patterns so that their child / children can stay at home. Thank you so much if you did this (and are doing)!!

Please be aware...I may be asking **you** next time!!

As stated in previous Newsletters, we prioritise which children can be given a place in our 'Hub', using the following criteria:

1. *Ask for volunteers not to come*
2. *Vulnerable children*
3. *Children where **both** parents are key workers or children with single parents who are key workers. NHS, Emergency services and education key workers to take priority if needed*
4. *Children where only one of two parents is a key worker. NHS, Emergency services and education key workers to take priority if needed.*

Remember that the message is clear from the Government...**Please keep your child at home if you can!!**

Partial Opening of THT update

- a) The teachers are working on a rota...some concentrating on teaching the children in school, and the others are concentrating on the remote learning. They then swap for the following week. This week Mrs Dimmock, Mrs Warburton, Mrs Lancaster and Mr Skinner will be in school - so they won't be available on ClassDojo.

b) Zoom sessions (to 'meet up') for some classes will begin later this week. Year 2 are 'zooming on Thursday at 11am and later in the day, Year 5 will be together 'virtually' at 2pm. Year 3 are then 'zooming' at 11.15am on the Friday of this week. Look out for the links on ClassDojo!!

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

All our PSHE and school worships are linked to Children's Mental Health week. Fr Mark's worship will be about our over-arching Christian value of Love.

PE Zoom lessons this Friday with WLSF

I hope the children are enjoying these sessions - we have had some very good feedback about them!!

Don't forget to look for the links on ClassDojo:

Year 1 and Reception - 9.00am (dance with Portia)

Year 2 - 10.00am (dance with Portia)

Year 3 and 4 - 1.00pm (gymnastics with Shelly)

Year 5 and 6 - 2.00pm (gymnastics with Shelly)

The lessons will last for approximately 45 minutes.

Celebration Worship

I recorded a lengthy 'Lockdown' Celebration Worship last Friday, which has been put onto ClassDojo for you all to see. As is now 'usual'...some of the children have been chosen from those in school and some for their work done at home. Well done to all those who made it to the 'Virtual Bench'. They were:

Reception	Darragh and Jackson
Year 1	Maddie and Arthur
Year 2	Harry
Year 3	Ronan, Joseph and Rachael
Year 4	Charlie
Year 5	Jack and Matthew
Year 6	Camden
Head teacher Award	Abigail in Year 3

As always...thanks for reading...stay safe...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith
Head teacher

Did you know...

Well I didn't know this...

Looking at why February is called February, one website says:

'Since other months, like January, are named after Roman gods, you'd be forgiven for thinking February was named after the Roman god Februus. But, the word February comes from the Roman festival of purification called Februa, during which people were ritually washed.'

Does that mean they went through January without a bath?? Was that the original 'Dry January' then??