



"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

We have made it the end of the first half of the Spring term. A huge well done to all of you, especially those of you who have your children at home and have been supporting them in their remote learning. This term has certainly been challenging on many levels for all of us and I thank you all for your continued support.

My thanks too for all of you who have completed the Remote Learning Questionnaire that I sent out last week. I am collating the results and will let you know how we respond to your comments. For the most part, the responses were very positive but there were some superb suggestions of other things we could incorporate in the future. We are already trying to ensure that we are offering more ideas for creative and extra-curricular activities. All classes are also offering additional sessions for smaller groups in the afternoon. These will provide an opportunity for teachers to support children with work that they have found tricky, intervention support for some pupils where appropriate and also smaller reading groups, especially for the younger children, where they can read with their teachers. Reading is of course something that can potentially be done more easily at home and with this letter, I attach a document with some ideas that you might find useful to support reading at home.

This week, we have said a fond farewell to our two student teachers, Megan Eason and Abi Oscroft. They have both had very successful placements and we wish them well in their future careers. Over the course of the past four weeks, our staff have been working on a rota system but now with lateral flow testing in place, following on from half term, all staff will be in school as normal, supporting those children in school and at home from the school building. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that our school is definitely open for everyone and if you need us for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact us. We have enjoyed seeing the children over the Teams calls and your feedback indicated that the social aspects of this are helpful. Children's social interactions are something that they will no doubt be missing enormously and I do know that this can affect their mental wellbeing. The link below provides some ideas if you are worried but as I said, if you are particularly worried over the half term break, please do send an email with URGENT in the heading and we will ensure that we respond.

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/children-young-people/do-you-need-some-help/>

I am very hopeful that everyone will take some time away from school learning next week. I know we all deserve some time away from screens. I know we can't do anything particularly exciting over the next week, but I hope that you all, including our wonderful Langton staff, get some time for some well-deserved R and R.

With very best wishes,

Rachel Ray
Headteacher

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Chair of Governors: Mr Howard Widdall

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