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Dear parents & carers,

As we come to the end of half-term, I wanted to write to thank you for your incredible support over the last few weeks. It has been brilliant to see you encouraging and supporting your children's learning whilst at home. Please spend next week enjoying time together as a family. The weather looks a little warmer (and wetter), hopefully you will be able to get outside for a bit each day – it is so important to prioritise your physical and mental health at the moment. We will restart our remote learning from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and we look forward to seeing the children back online and ready to learn.



We are expecting a significant announcement from the Prime Minister on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and we desperately hope we will be able to get the children back into school from the 8<sup>th</sup> March. I will write to you as soon as we know more.

We are incredibly lucky to have such a committed staff team at New Park. All of our teaching assistants and Mrs Lee have been in school every day, supporting critical worker and vulnerable children and allowing the class teachers to focus on remote learning. I am really proud of the curriculum we have been able to pull together and very fortunate to lead a team of dedicated professionals who want the best for each and every child.



#### Food vouchers and parcels

Food vouchers have been provided for all eligible children over half-term. Whether you receive vouchers or not, if you are in need of a weekly food parcel you can order one from [www.resurrectedbites.co.uk](http://www.resurrectedbites.co.uk)

#### Parents coffee afternoons

We had a really positive afternoon this week with five parents joining in for a natter and a cup of tea/coffee. We will keep these going after half-term as it is a welcome opportunity to talk to other adults and vent about the difficulties of remote learning! The next one will be at 2pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and we will send the link out via parentmail.

### Coronavirus

Please email us if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus or if any member of your household tests positive over half-term.



### Reading and stationery bus

It has been lovely to see so many of the children borrowing books and resupplies of pencils and exercise books. We will continue these visits after half-term so the children can return and borrow more reading materials.

### Parents' evening

Parents' evening will look a bit different this year; instead of the teachers telling you how your children are getting on we will be asking you to tell us how they have been doing! Once the Prime Minister has announced the specifics of when and how the children will return to school, we will organise an opportunity for every family to speak to their child's teacher via Microsoft Teams or phone call.

I hope you all have a very well-deserved rest next week. Thank you for all your support this term, every encouraging email, supportive Facebook comment or word of encouragement makes such a difference to the whole team.

Mr Mold

