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Re: End of Spring Term 1 Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would to begin by saying thank you for your support and co-operation during a difficult start to 2021. The announcement on Monday 4th January, that schools would open only to children whose parents are 'critical workers' and vulnerable children, was not something we expected or wished for. However, we have adapted to these national restrictions and continued to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school community and the quality of education for our children.

Children attending school have continued to receive a high quality of education and we have worked incredibly hard to give the children at home excellent remote education provision. This has involved significant financial expenditure in technology, an investment in staff training and an increased workload for all. We would like to express our gratitude for your high levels of support with remote learning and we recognise that this may have presented many challenges. We really appreciate everything you have done this half term.

We have undertaken a robust analysis of pupil engagement and gathered feedback from children, parents and staff through online surveys. We are very pleased with the extremely high levels of pupil engagement and overwhelmingly positive feedback. As a school, we are very proud of our remote education provision.

As part of our commitment to whole school wellbeing, we will be celebrating the birthdays of children and staff who have a birthday in February on **Friday 26th February 2021**. Children with a birthday in February attending school can wear non-uniform and a badge if they wish on the celebration day; all other children must come in their normal school uniform. Children attending school can bring a special snack to have during the celebration. This may consist of a small treat, such as a cake or biscuit and a non-fizzy drink (no products containing nuts please). Children with a birthday in February accessing remote education may wear a birthday badge or hat. Children in Reception will have a live 'Class Meet' during the day and children in Year 1 to 6 will enjoy a birthday celebration at the end of their afternoon 'Live Lessons', via Zoom, where we will sing 'Happy Birthday'.

Mrs. Wilson commences her maternity leave after half term. We wish her well and look forward to hearing her exciting news. Mrs. Bolton will teach 3W after half term for an interim period.

School will close to all children today, Friday 12th February, and we will reopen to **eligible children only**, who are already registered for places, on Monday 22nd February. We are expecting a Government announcement by Monday 22nd February, outlining plans for the reopening of schools from Monday 8th March at the earliest. We will provide you with our plans and arrangements as soon as we are in a position to do so.

Thank you again for your support and partnership. We very much look forward to welcoming the children back to school and being together as a school family again.

Please take care, stay safe and have a restful half term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Colothan
Executive Headteacher



'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13

