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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done! Together we have together managed to brave the wind, the cold, endless rain and remote education to get to half term!

There is no doubt that this remains a very difficult period for everyone. I wish to take this moment to say thank you.

Much like the staff here, I'm sure you are looking forward to a well-deserved half term break from school. Now is the time to have a complete break, do something you enjoy, put the books away for a decent amount of time it's a holiday! This is the time to give yourself a treat and get a rest. Remember the treat is not just for the children! Every small piece of work you have done with your child or children during this time has supported their education, without you - this would not have been so effective – so take the credit and be pleased with yourself.

What you are providing for the children in your families and our community is incredible; it will be a moment to reflect on with pride once (hopefully not too far away) things begin to settle again.

Support at Home

We know that for some of you being at home is difficult and you may be worrying about how best to support your child to help them cope with the pandemic. This website has a great resource with lots of tips based on your own particular situation, which may give you some useful tips to support your child at home.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

Comic Relief

Whilst looking to the future and dreaming of normality, Christine thought it would be a nice little distraction to start thinking about Comic Relief. As such, I have signed our school up to be a fundraiser this year.



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Red Nose Day is the 19th March this year so we have plenty of time to think up some fun ideas for raising money. There are a few staples like cake sales and fancy dress days but if you think of any fun ideas for a fund raiser please let myself and Christine know so we can start making a note of some ideas.

Also we have a just giving page set up for collecting donations so please share the link far and wide 😊

Please see a message below you can copy and paste if you'd like.

Just a quick email to let you know that we've decided to fundraise for Comic Relief: Red Nose Day, and we'd really appreciate your support.

You can donate to our JustGiving page by clicking here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/northbrook-primary-school-rednoseday21>

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Comic Relief: Red Nose Day, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Reporting Covid, including over half term

Please continue to let us know if your child has tested positive for Coronavirus or has been in contact with a positive case regardless of whether you are home learning or in school. Please email: c.mccrory@northbrook-pri.lancs.sch.uk.

If your child is due to be in school, please stay at home to isolate as per the guidelines and notify school immediately.

The email address will be monitored over half term. If there are any positive cases reported and should this impact upon your child, you will be notified by email.



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Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

Just a reminder that in addition to all infant children (Reception to Y2) being eligible for Universal Free School Meals, all children from **Nursery to Year 6** may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

In addition to your child receiving free school meals, schools receive valuable funding of £1,345 per pupil to help improve progress for children who may need it. You can apply to check your eligibility at any time, as understandably, family circumstances may change, especially in the current uncertain times we are facing.

To apply please click here or speak to the school office if you need any help:

https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium

Have a lovely weekend,

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