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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write following the welcome announcement from the Government earlier this week, that from Monday 8th March we are able to welcome all of our children back into school. Now that the vaccine has begun to be rolled out, we can begin to look forward to 2021 and, we hope, the return of life to something resembling normality.

I am delighted that we have signs of better times to come which incidentally ties in nicely with some signs of spring outside too. I am already looking through the 'additional guidance for schools' in readiness to welcome all of our children back. I will write to you next week with more information about the full reopening and in the meantime – have a lovely weekend.

# Our Half-Termly Value

Our new half-termly Value is Happiness. We will be looking at all the different ways that we can spread happiness to others and develop ways in which we can make ourselves happier. We will be focussing on this up until the Easter Break and we look forward to linking our work with The International Day of Happiness later on in March.

# World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

Our theme this year - for children at home, in school and staff - will be 'Snuggle Up and Share a Story.' Everyone can either dress-up as a character or to match the theme they can wear comfy clothes/PJs and share books in school.

We are going to have a Whole School challenge to create a reading den to snuggle up in and read a book. Please send photographs of children at home, via Seesaw, reading in their dens and there will be a winner from each class – with a prize to be awarded on return to school.

### **Comic Relief**

I can see that some people have already donated following the link below, thank you so much to those who have donated already.



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If you are not in a position to donate we understand, however you can still help. If you would not mind sharing the link around on social media that would be a great help. Please copy and paste below:

Red Nose Day is the 19th March this year and Northbrook Primary Academy are raising money. Here is the link for the just giving page so please share the link far and wide  $\bigcirc$ You can donate to our JustGiving page by clicking here: <u>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/northbrook-primary-school-rednoseday21</u>

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.

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: <u>c.mccrory@northbrook-pri.lancs.sch.uk</u>.

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

# 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



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• 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 <u>at any time</u>, 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,

Mrs McCrory.



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