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End of Half Term

Well done to you all for making it to half term! You have achieved a whole six weeks of remote learning. I'm sure most of you will have had ups and downs along the way but you really are all doing a great job. We have been really impressed with what the children have achieved with your support.

As we reach the end of the half term it is important that everyone has a complete break from the remote learning. Please don't use the half term break as an opportunity to catch up on any remote learning that might have been missed—what is past is past, leave it be and prepare for a fresh start after the half term. A complete break will be far more beneficial for a fresh and renewed start after half term. Take the time to get out into the fresh air and enjoy spending family time together. Non school days (especially holidays) should look as different as possible from remote learning days!

Over the coming few days /week we may start to find out more about when and what the return to school might look like. We all know nothing is certain right now so my advice is keep a very open mind and be prepared for anything! I know 8th March is a date that has been well publicised but we don't really know if that will become a reality.

Well done for everything you have achieved this half term, enjoy the break and remember if you need any help seek it out at the earliest possible opportunity.

Take care and get in touch if you need anything.

Mrs P X

Orton CE School Arrives in Guernsey!!

Before Christmas we took delivery of some Orton CE School golf umbrellas. This all started when I my old faithful university umbrella broke one morning at school!! To console me Mr P suggested an Orton School umbrella!! I know it's daft but I was really excited to take delivery of them! I only needed 1 but to keep the cost down we ordered 10. When I popped on FOOS Facebook that we had some for sale Liz Harrison-Beck (Lilly-Grace's grandma) replied asking for one. As she lives on Guernsey we realised it might be a long time before she was able to collect it so we decided to post it as a surprise! Mr P was despatched with the umbrella in a tube to the post office. Well this really stumped our local post master! Eventually after a couple of hours and several phone calls, off it went! Imagine our surprise and amusement about a week later when there was a knock on the door and it was delivered back to us! Off Mr P went back to see the post master—he was not that thrilled to see that tube back again!! Another hour or so and some more phone calls the umbrella set off again!! This time it was super speedy delivery and came as a lovely surprise to the unsuspecting Liz. She was thrilled to receive the surprise package and in fact it arrived just in time to protect her from a shower of rain.

We currently have a some Orton CE School umbrella's for sale at £25 each. If you would like one get in touch.



January House Points

Well every must have been working really hard (or maybe your teachers have gone just a bit bonkers!) in January as we have never before seen house point numbers as high!!!!

Red—729

Blue—752

Yellow—743

Green—737

Well done to everyone it really shows how hard you have been working. A special well done to the blue team for being January's winners—we make sure you get your reward when we are back in school.

Check out www.inourplace.co.uk for FREE (prepaid) access for all parents and parents-to-be, carers, grandparents, those working with children and young people and teenagers themselves to some really useful and interesting online courses.

Fairtrade Fortnight



Fair trade fortnight begins immediately after half term. As part of our remote learning we will be including some activities and learning linked to Fairtrade. If you are able to, when you are out shopping look out for products with the Fair Trade logo or have a look in your cupboards to see what you might have bearing the logo. Well known Fairtrade products are bananas, Kitkats and Dairy Milk chocolate! Please help raise awareness by bringing these to your children's attention.

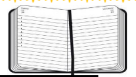
On Friday 26th February at 9.15am we will be welcoming Claire Arnott from Fairtrade to a whole school assembly via Zoom to talk to us all about Fairtrade. Please pop the date in your diary.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71353871521?pwd=VDNXSG1Cb2VvRTJMTQvRUFhdEdzO9>

Keeping in Touch

Don't forget, we have a Keeping in Touch page on our website. We love to see what you've all been up to as well as remote learning. Please send us photos you are happy to share of you having fun to MrsG@orton.cumbria.sch.uk and we'll pop them on the website. Have a look here at what everyone's been up to <https://www.ortoncofeprimary.co.uk/team-orton-keeping-in-touchlockdown-3/>

Diary Dates



All diary dates are subject to change.

16.2.21	5.30pm Shrove Tues Families Cooking Together
17.2.21	Ash Wednesday & start of Lent
22.2.21	9am New Half term starts
22.2.21—5.3.21	Fair Trade Fortnight
26.2.21	9.15am Fairtrade Speaker Claire Arnott
4.3.21	World Book Day—dress up at home!
11.3.21	Life Education—TBC
19.3.21	Comic Relief
1.4.21	End of Spring Term
19.4.21	Start of Summer Term
28.5.21	Break Up
7.6.21	New half term starts
11.6.21	Wheelchair Basketball
23.6.21—25.6.21	Class 3 Residential, Langdale—Provisional
28.6.21—2.7.21	Class 4 Residential, Isle of Man—Provisional
16.7.21	End of Summer Term