



## **END OF HALF TERM EMAIL UPDATE – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

We've completed six weeks of lockdown and you are all doing amazingly well, whether at home or at school. We know that this is a difficult time for you all – whether you are balancing going out to work, working from home, home schooling and generally just dealing with life as it is at the moment under lockdown. Thank you to all of our families for the continued high engagement we have had with remote learning. We are all trying to manage competing priorities in these difficult times, but everyone is still keeping children learning. It has been wonderful to see the work our children are doing at home and in school. We also would like to thank all families for the support that you have given to school.

Today is the last day of half term (staff have an Inset training day tomorrow) so I wish everyone a very well deserved rest for over the coming week.

Hopefully we will be on the home stretch after half term and we will only have a couple more weeks to go before we can start welcoming the children back to school.

Lessons will restart on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February for all learners.

### **HOME LEARNING:**

#### **Remote Learning Worries**

We have had several conversations with parents over the last couple of weeks about concerns over children falling behind if they are not learning in school. We do want to reassure you that lots of children all over the country at the moment will not be making the progress they would have done if the schools hadn't been closed to the majority of children. However, when the children came back to us in September after last year's lockdown, we put lots of things in place to ensure they started to make accelerated progress. Please feel assured that we will do the same when they all come back together. We understand that you may feel anxious that your children are falling behind because they are not completing the amount of work they would have done in school or because you feel like you cannot support them as well as you would like.

Please remember – praise your child's efforts and hard work and keep reassuring them that this is not forever. The teachers are all working very hard – overseeing the children in school as well as planning work and communicating with children and parents who are at home.

As previously mentioned, we have been so impressed with how you have all worked so hard with your children at home while continuing to do your own jobs so please keep it up and please do not worry! As always, please contact us if you would like to discuss anything at all regarding your child or children.

#### **Completed Work**

We've had some requests about what to do with the completed work. Please keep all work and send it in with your child on their return to school. We'll be putting topic work into their topic books as these stay with the children to form a learning journey throughout Key Stage 2, so it would be helpful if your child could collate their work into subjects as this will make it so much easier to transfer to books on their return! Thank you.

### **ONLINE PARENTS SAFETY BRIEFING - Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Don't forget that tonight is the second of our parent information sessions this term which is being hosted by Nigel Kirkham, one of the specialist IT school advisors from Lancashire County Council. As parents it's vital we keep up to date with how to keep our children safe online, especially at the moment when children are on screen more than ever.

You don't need to inform school you're attending the meeting. Just follow the Zoom link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82750507132?pwd=UzR4MVdjakFrbDMxT2ZoRHVTaC9LUT09>

Meeting ID: 827 5050 7132

Passcode: 160760



### LENT & PANCAKE DAY!

Lent begins while we are off over half term. This is the most important time in the Christian calendar. It is a period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) leading up to Easter. In 2021 Lent begins on Wednesday 17 February (Ash Wednesday) the day after Pancake Day and ends on Monday 29 March. Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.

I hope you'll enjoy celebrating the start of lent on pancake day – if you'd like to send in a photo of your child(ren) enjoying pancakes I'll use them in my first worship back after half term as we start thinking about Lent and Easter.

### SCHOOL CHRISTIAN VALUES

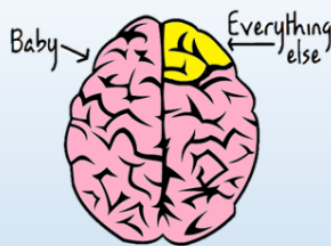
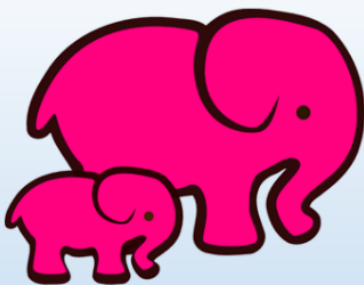
Our value this half term has been Justice. Next half term our Christian Value will be Humility.

### INFANT CLASS - WANTED

Miss Wallace would love to have some large tractor tyres for the outdoor provision area – if you have, or know of someone who might have old tractor tyres they could give to donate, please contact school. Miss Wallace is also looking for large plant pots and large plants e.g. bamboo style which grow tall and are safe to be around. Thank you

### SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH – UNIVERSITY OF YORK

I've attached the flyer below from York University for your information as they have asked if I can share it with our school families. If you are interested in the project, please use the contact details on the flyer.



**Contact:**

[SleepStudy@York.ac.uk](mailto:SleepStudy@York.ac.uk);  
07548359133

**Website:**

<https://sites.google.com/york.ac.uk/the-omg-sleep-study/home>

**Social Media:**

<https://twitter.com/OmgSleep>;  
<https://www.facebook.com/sleep.study.334/>



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**Are you a parent with a child under 6?**

**Research needs you!**

**We're carrying out research into memory and sleep in parents.**

**You would be required to complete a memory game on your phone and answer some questions about your daily activities.**

**You would be entered into 3 prize draws if you complete the study.**

This Monday we had the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Prevention Support team in remotely to talk to year 5/6 about keeping safe on the roads. It covered the following topics:

- The importance of wearing a seatbelt & using appropriate car seats
- Safe cycling, including wearing cycle helmets
- Pedestrian Safety
- Be Safe Be Seen
- Not causing a distraction when travelling in a car
- Bus safety

Have a restful half term break and stay safe,

*Lucy Sutton*