



HOWLETCH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL FEBRUARY HALF-TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Here we are at the end of another strange half term in the school year. Thank you for the support you're giving to the children who are working remotely at home. We realise how difficult it is to juggle family, work commitments and supporting home learning so just do what you can and don't worry if your child isn't completing all tasks. Staff have been keeping in touch with families via Purple Mash email and telephone calls and we hope that you have found these ways of communicating useful and supportive.

We are continuing to see numbers rise in school as more key workers return to work and I am hopeful that schools will re-open to all pupils before Easter.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Today you will receive a questionnaire to fill in for each child you have in school. This will give you an opportunity to give us feedback about remote learning and your thoughts about the children who are back in school. Please can you complete these before Wednesday 17 February in order for us to collate results and make changes where necessary. Thank you.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School closes today for the half term break and re-opens on Monday 22 February. There will not be any work set on the Purple Mash learning platform for the children during the holiday but please encourage your children to access the games and other ideas and resources if they are interested.

FMS VOUCHERS

Children entitled to Free School Meals or Early Years Pupil Premium will have received a £20 voucher from the government supported winter vouchers scheme to cover the period of the half term holiday. The next batch of Edenred vouchers for children claiming free school meals will be sent on Thursday 25 February.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

I am sad to announce that our school counsellor Lisa Turner is leaving us at the end of February to take up a new post closer to her home. Lisa has supported many Howletch children and families over the years and I'm sure you will join me in thanking her for her hard work and dedication to the role. We hope you will be very happy in your new job Lisa.

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR

Our PSA Karen Harrison is available for support over the telephone. If you would welcome a call please get in touch via the school office.

MISS STONES – MATERNITY LEAVE

Miss Stones has been working from home and making courtesy calls to some families over the past few weeks. This week she begins her maternity leave and we wish her well in welcoming a new addition to the family in the coming weeks.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Please keep your eye on the school Facebook page for up-to-date information and ideas for keeping the children busy and active.

VACANCY - CLEANER

We have a vacancy for a cleaner in school to work between the hours of 3:15 and 5:45 pm. If you are interested in this post, please contact the school office for an application form or you can download one from our website.

May I take the opportunity to wish you a restful half term break and hopefully some warmer weather and opportunities to get the children out of doors. Thank you for your ongoing support at this difficult time for everyone.

Take care and keep yourselves and your families safe.

Mrs H Adair.