

Date: 12th February 2021

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a busy, strange term - on our return on 4th January, we did not know what would happen in the next 5 weeks!

Term 3 has been tricky for many of us – whether you are a parent home schooling, a pupil missing school, a Teacher or TA juggling remote learning and key worker bubbles in school, or office and support staff ensuring the school continues to operate with the additional tasks of Covid 19. Well done to you all, we have all achieved a huge amount!

I am proud of the support we have offered and would like to celebrate our provision, which includes:

- All staff prepared and delivering online learning from 6th Jan
- Learning for all children through recorded lessons and independent work
- Weekly zoom calls for children
- Support for families answering questions on the phone/email/ILD
- Feedback on children's learning on ILD
- Distribution of Free School Meals vouchers
- Welfare calls and support



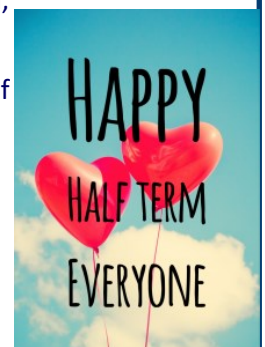
I would also like to thank the staff who have been amazing. From our nursery staff who are hands-on with the youngest of children every day despite the current situation, to the teaching staff who are in supporting the critical worker group every day. When everyone else is working from home, staff have found themselves in school and despite the worries and difficulties of managing young children in this situation, they have turned up, smiled and supported the children every day! Thank you especially to the teachers, none of whom would have expected this to be part of their role just a year ago, but who are excellent at online learning, videoing themselves and giving feedback to continue to support the children in their class.

We are so proud of how the children have coped with the lockdown situation and want to praise them for all their efforts in online learning. However, for some children, it has been a difficult time – not seeing friends, trying to concentrate at home and missing school. This is the same for many children across the country. We will be here to support the children after half term and when they come back to school; we will be ready to celebrate their achievements and move forwards with learning.

Thank you again for all that you have done to support us and your children over this half term.

Please now switch off the laptop and have some fun over the holiday!

Mrs Fraser
Headteacher



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Gold Book



Well done to all the children and adults who have been in our Gold Book this term!

	8th January	15th January	22nd January	29th January	5th February	12th February
Nursery	Diya Ella	Layla India	Hunter Imogen	Indie Rowan	Amber Layla	Jackson Olivia
Reception	Priya Mia Joshua Ava	Louie Chloe Gracie Kitty	Kieran Aoife Gabi Ci'ela	Fin Noella Zosia Annabella	Faith Kieran Gabi William Raya Mason	Kitty George Bailey Penny Musa
Year 1	Daisi William	Olivia Olly	Charlie Polly	Oliver Sammy	Misia Evie Mae	Harvey Cohen
Other	WM teachers	All our grown ups at home	The office team & lunch team	Our school Governors	Our cleaners	All the children

William Morris Youtube channel—some interesting facts:

- ⇒ This term we have uploaded 193 videos!
- ⇒ They have been viewed a total of 6337 times!
- ⇒ And have been watched for 404 hours and 12 minutes!
- ⇒ That is definitely a lot of learning at home.

Children's learning YR display

Can you spot any of your learning on the Reception display?

TD INSET DAYS

Due to the lockdown at the beginning of term, we cancelled the staff training day that was scheduled on 5th January. We have now rescheduled this for **19th April** and this will therefore be a teacher training day when school is closed to pupils. We no longer have a TD day on 1st April. The last TD Inset day this year will be on **5th July** when we will be closed to pupils.

Nursery places for Sept

If you know someone looking for a nursery place for September, we have a zoom meeting for prospective parents on 4th March 9:30am.

