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C. E. PRIMARY ACADEMY (HANDSWORTH)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what an interesting half term this has been. At the very start of January we thought that schools would be fully open to all children and then we found out on the 4th January that this wasn't going to be the case. I understand that this lockdown has been harder for us all. The weather hasn't helped us and now we have greater capacity to provide remote learning. This has meant that there has been greater expectation on the children and you to complete school work at home. We appreciate all that you have done in supporting your children. There is more information on remote learning on page 2 and 3 of this newsletter. We break up for half term today. There will be no online learning for the children during half term. Please enjoy some time as a family.

Sadly, at the end of this month we are going to be saying goodbye to Ms Edwards. Ms Edwards has worked at Holy Trinity as our full time Pastoral Manager since 2016 and I know that she has had a positive impact on so many of you during this time. I am personally going to miss Ms Edwards as we have worked so closely over the last 4 and a half years and I have seen the work that she has done to support the children in our school and you, our families. Ms Edwards is leaving to take up a position at Birmingham Children's Trust and we wish her all the best in her new venture. We have advertised for a new Pastoral Manager, but there will be a time when we will be without this position in school. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need any support and we will do our best to help you. I will keep you updated once we have successfully appointed a new Pastoral Manager

Mrs. P. Burns
Headteacher

Remote Learning

We are fully aware that this term has been challenging so far and we thank all of you for your support and for keeping your children learning at home. As the term has progressed we have listened to feedback from you and the children based on the remote learning that we have been offering and we have been changing our offer accordingly. From after half term our teachers are going to be providing recorded reading, writing and maths lessons daily as we know how our children learn and we know that seeing their own teacher will help to motivate the children to complete their work. We are also going to be offering daily live sessions for every class from Tuesday 23rd February. We are aware that some children are having to share devices with their siblings so we have timetabled the sessions so that there are no clashes and that all children can attend their live teaching session. For the first week we will be offering phonics sessions for Key Stage 1 children and a writing lesson for Key Stage 2 children and we will change the live teaching session on a weekly basis. Please see the timetable on page 3 of this newsletter for the start times of each session.

The teacher will be giving around 20 minutes of teaching and then will set the children off on their task. We will not be asking the children to be on a live call for the full duration of the lesson. The class teacher and teaching assistant will stay on the chat function throughout the duration of the lesson to support the children if they have any queries about their work. The expectation is that the children still upload their work onto Teams at the end of the session to be marked by the teacher. We understand that some of you might not be able support your child to enter the live session so a recording of the teaching will be available on Teams after the lesson has finished. Please note only those children who have signed up to join the live sessions, agreeing to the live streaming protocol, will be able to enter the live teaching session. **If you haven't already done so, please sign up to the live sessions by clicking on the following link:**

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Fif3zH6gyEabT2z2D6FdG_uwmq3qcP5NgH2joiMsN2BUQldDWk5BRkpaM0hRVlpJUjY0TjISVzISVi4u

We are keen to get your feedback on our remote learning offer so far and I would ask you to spend a few minutes completing the online questionnaire by clicking on the link below. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Fif3zH6gyEabT2z2D6FdGw2aDEFum59KpJUQridPw_T1UNlkwQ1AxSVZBT1VRR0cyQII3OVYzVEIKQy4u

Thank you for your continued support.

Live Lessons

The times for the live teaching sessions that will start on Tuesday 23rd February are listed in the table below:

Time	Year Group
9.15am	Reception
10.00am	Year 3
11.00am	Year 4
12.00pm	Year 5
1.00pm	Year 1
1.45pm	Year 2
2.30pm	Year 6

The teacher will be in the lesson 10 minutes before the start of the lesson to allow the children time to get in. The lesson will begin promptly at the time above. We will not be admitting children in 5 minutes after the start of the lesson. Assignments will be set for the children which will contain the link for the live lesson and any resources that they will need for the lesson.

We hope the children enjoy the live sessions and that you see the benefit of joining in with them.

Dates for your diary

Friday 12th February - Children break up for half term

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February - Half Term

Monday 22nd February - Children return to school

Thursday 1st April - Children break up for Easter Holiday

Friday 2nd April - Friday 16th April - Easter Holiday

Monday 19th April - Children return to school

Thursday 27th May - Children break up for Half Term

Friday 28th May - Teacher Day

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June Half Term

Monday 7th June - Children return to school

Wednesday 21st July - Children break - end of year



Please note that children do not need to attend school on Teacher Days. These days are for staff training.

Stay Safe

