

# Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first half term of 2021 is complete! Half term is here and I hope that everyone manages to have a few days of well-earned rest! I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our lovely parents and grandparents who have been supporting their children with their home learning. I know it hasn't been easy but you've done an incredible job. This week has seen a huge increase in the submission of home learning – well done for doing this, especially as it was the week before a break, when we are all at our most tired. Please do have a rest from your screens if you can and get plenty of fresh air!

## **WELL BEING SESSIONS**

After half term, class teachers will begin to organise small group well-being sessions for those children who are at home. Thank you to the parents who completed the Google document and gave permission for their children to take part in these sessions. These sessions via Zoom, will replace the fortnightly phone calls home that teachers have been making. If you would like your child to take part in these group well-being sessions, please do inform the office by the end of today. Those children who are not taking part in these sessions will continue to get a phone call home.

## **CONTACT TRACING**

If your child has been attending school this week and tests positive for COVID during the half term, please could you email me as soon as you possibly, at [s.bracken@finhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:s.bracken@finhamprimary.co.uk) to let me know. In the email I will need the following information: the name of your child; which bubble they have been working in; the date that their symptoms started; date of their COVID test.

## **PARENTS EVENING**

On the first week back after half term, we are running our 'virtual' parents' evenings on Tuesday and Thursday night. Information has been sent out with the link to book to your appointments. As the meetings are only 10 minutes long and will cut off as soon as the allocated time runs out, we would ask that you do join the meetings in advance and check that your cameras and microphones are working. We look forward to seeing you then. A polite reminder, although these meetings are on a screen, they must not be recorded.

## **SHROVE TUESDAY**

During half term, it is Shrove Tuesday – more commonly known as Pancake Day! If you are making pancakes on this day, we would like to see some pictures of you eating or flipping pancakes. Please do email us some of your photos, if you give us permission, we might even share some of your pictures on our next newsletter!

I will end by wishing you all a very restful half term and a Happy Chinese New Year!

Take care,  
Mrs Bracken

### **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON LINE**

- Please find a link with regard to Keeping Children safe on line - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): keeping children safe online](#)

### **CHILD ILLNESS/CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES**

Please notify the school if your child is ill or there are any changes in your personal circumstances (ie bereavement) and they are unable to complete the Home Learning. We do not expect your child to do home learning if they are poorly. Many thanks.

### **FROG CHECK IN**

Please can we remind you to get your child to complete the 'Check In' forms on their Frog pages. Thank you.

### **COVID SYMPTOMS**

#### **What are the symptoms of coronavirus?**

One, or more, of the following:

- High temperature – this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back
- New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Loss of change to smell or taste – meaning not being able to smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal.

### **DIARY DATES**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Virtual Parents Evening  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Virtual Parents Evening

