



Friday 12th February

Dear All,

Congratulations to you all – we survived! It has been a very long, difficult 6 weeks but we made it through. I take my hat off to everyone – staff, families and children – for managing to navigate this half-term and for producing some fantastic learning along the way. I have been so impressed with the remote learning – both the sessions which staff have provided and the work which the children have produced and you should all be very proud of the part which you have played. Thank you to you all and to every member of staff in our federation who have played such an important part in keeping everyone safe whether they have been at home or in school.

The arrival of snow in the last week of term caused some additional organisational issues which we could have managed without but, judging by the many photos and videos which I have received, it has also created some amazing experiences. It has been lovely to see all of the fantastic activities which you have been up to. I wanted to share all of the photos which you sent but thought that including them in the newsletter wouldn't do them justice. So, I have created a video to showcase them. You can find the video by following this link... <https://youtu.be/Wc41adt8cPo>
I hope you enjoy, please do share with friends and family as a record of the last few days.

The week after half term will be different in terms of how we are organising our remote learning. It will be our very first wellbeing week and we are very excited. All staff members across the schools and preschools have contributed ideas, videos and activities for you to enjoy over the week.

The idea is that you will receive a document by email which includes links to all of the videos and activities along with details of some zoom sessions over the course of the week. You are then free to use this pack to create your own timetable for the week. You might want to stick to a daily routine with two activities in the morning and two in the afternoon or you may prefer to wake up and see where the wind takes you! Each class will have set zoom sessions and each teacher is also offering a zoom session which anyone can join – details will be on the final page of your pack.

We hope that this pack will provide a good balance for those of you who require more structure, maybe because you're working from home, and those of you who feel the need to relax the timetable and be more flexible. There will be lots and lots of ideas in the pack. This isn't to overwhelm you and you absolutely should **not** aim to do everything! We wanted to provide enough activities so that everyone would be able to find something which they can enjoy together as a family. It may be that you choose not to do any of the activities, this is also ok but I'm sure you'll be tempted to try something from the menu!

I hope to send out the pack of activities towards the end of half-term which will give you time to plan for the week ahead should you wish.

So, happy half-term everyone! I hope that you can make the most of some time to relax and enjoy the break even though we are still a bit limited in what we can do. I look forward to celebrating wellbeing week with you when we return on February 22nd.

Have a lovely week!

Mrs Watts