

Hardwick Weekly Catch Up – 12 February 2021



I hope everyone is keeping well.

Half term has finally arrived and I know everyone is ready for a break. Six weeks ago, we came back after the Christmas holidays ready to pick up where we had left off, only to find ourselves back in lockdown and school closure again, something we thought would never happen again.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you again for the way you have adapted to the situation and supported your children with their learning at home. It's not an easy job and you've all been fantastic.

The children have been great, and I know they are doing the very best they can to complete the daily work and we all miss them and want them back at school as soon as it's possible. I hope they have enjoyed seeing their friends in our assemblies and at other times online. Please tell them this situation won't last forever and very soon we will all be back together again.

Like everyone, the staff have had to adapt to this lockdown and it hasn't been easy at times, but they have done a sterling job, learning how to deliver a remote education overnight, juggling teaching in school and at home, giving feedback and supporting children with their well-being and mental health. I'm really proud of all the staff and what they have achieved over the last few weeks and with nearly 500 recorded lessons made this half term, they have become quite good at working this way!

Now, we aren't out of the woods yet, but the end of school closure may be in sight. I know we will all be waiting with anticipation to hear what the government are going to announce shortly. What we do know is when we return from half term there will be a minimum of two weeks more of remote learning and hopefully, we will then be preparing for the full reopening of the school. Watch this space!

Last week, I wrote to everyone informing you about our new online maths and reading resources. There will be no remote learning posted on the Class Notebooks over half term, however the teachers and I are setting a challenge next week for every child to read a minimum of three books from **myON** and to have a go at the maths activities on **School Jam** (EYFS/KS1) or **Maths Flex** (KS2). We're sure they'll find it fun and it will give them something to do when they can't go out. The login codes are either in a folder on Class Notebook or have been sent to you on ClassDojo. We look forward to seeing how you get on.

Have a great half term and let's hope the cold, snowy weather is behind us!

Best wishes,

Mr Jones

Headteacher