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Dear Parents

Once again, I really need to thank you all on behalf of the staff for working with us to deal with the challenges of the latest lockdown which began only four weeks ago.

THANK YOU!

I know that the teachers are very impressed with the children's daily attendance at the online lessons which shows just how resilient our children are and their parents of course. I am very impressed. **Keep up the good work!**

Thank you also to the parents who regularly take the time to thank the teachers on line or by phone. It means a great deal to the staff and also further informs our practise both off and on line.

Set out below are a few upcoming changes.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

The DFE have said there is no requirement for school to open at half term therefore the children, staff and you will have a half term free from school work!

INSET DAYS and SUMMER TERM

The previously planned INSET day in February (22nd February 2021) has been postponed as has the one in May (28th May 2021). The decision around the February date is so that we can continue to support school attendance for critical key workers and vulnerable children. In May, assuming the children are back, then it is better that the children are in school catching up.

So the children will break up on July 16th rather than coming to school for part of the following week. The official end of the Summer term was Wednesday 21st July. The staff will use these inset days (19th and 20th July) to begin preparation for the start of a new academic year 2021-2022.

SCHOOL REOPENING

As you know the Prime Minister has suggested that the earliest possible time schools **may open** is from the 8th March. I have no further update and will no doubt be informed at the same time as everybody else when school is likely to open. The purpose in my mentioning this is to reassure you that whenever school is given permission to reopen then we will be ready for whatever return we are asked to provide. The staff and I are looking forward to that day!

Have a happy half term when it comes.

J Eagleton

