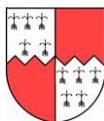


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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you are all well.

It was lovely to see Hazel, Chestnut and Holly classes back at school on Monday this week! More smiling faces in school is always an uplifting sight!

I have had the privilege to drop into some Zoom calls recently and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience! For those of you who are engaging with our home learning programme, thank you for your continued support and for sending back your child's work, you are all doing a great job!

For our older cohort of pupils who are working towards their accredited courses, it is of paramount importance that we keep up to date with planned modules in order that our young people achieve the very best outcomes at the end of their courses. Please ask if you need any more information.

Requesting a school place for after half term

If you are requiring a place for your child, either part time or full time after half term and you have not applied for one yet, please let us know by Monday 8th February 2021 and we will be able to arrange it for you. Transport takes some time to set up so the more notice you can give us the better!

Zoom

If you prefer that your child did not appear on Zoom calls either from home or in school, please make us aware.

Internet Safety

The pupils at Fitzwaryn are extremely vulnerable when using the internet, including their phones if they have one. We have sent out E-Safety guidance previously and have it on the website <https://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=53>



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Children's Mental Health Week

Miss Wenham and Miss Cox have worked hard on getting resources together for Children's Mental Health Week. Clair has also been posting articles on the Fitzwaryn Facebook page - it would be great to get some feedback from you about how you found some of the resources. I look forward to seeing everyone in colourful clothes either at home or at school today – do send us some photographs!

Education and Health Care Plan meetings

As you know, you are provided with the dates for these meetings a year in advance and frequent reminders are sent out routinely. It is very difficult for us to coordinate dates and times for all these meetings and ensure that all the required paperwork from other agencies is in place in good time. We keep a log of all our correspondence, so we know when we have sent the relevant paperwork out to you. As far as is practical, we are sticking to our original dates and times to fit into the statutory framework. Thank you to those parents who have flagged up when it is difficult to make the original dates and times. Members of the Senior Leadership Team, class teachers and admin support spend hours in preparation for these crucial annual meetings for you and your child, it is therefore essential that you let us know well in advance if you require a change in date or time so that we can coordinate accordingly.

FitzKids

You will have seen a communication from Clair Taylor, OSLO, regarding February half term. We are unable to run face to face sessions, but Clair has put together a wonderful package of online sessions that I am sure will be lots of fun!! Please get in contact with Clair should you wish to book on any of the sessions.

Half Term – Free School Meals

For those in receipt of Free School Meals, you will be receiving vouchers to cover the half term period. Wantage Town Council have also pledged to support with an additional amount which you will also receive via school.

If you would like to find out if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the school office and someone will be more than happy to run a simple check on your behalf.

Staffing

I am very proud of the staff for the way that they have coped with all the changes since 5th January and I am hopeful that we are slowly moving back to a normal way of working in schools. We are awaiting government guidance on how the new March 8th deadline will affect us.

The staff are looking forward to a well-earned break over the half term period so there will be a break for those of you who are engaging with home learning too!

There have had to be some adjustments to some staffing scenarios, and I will update the situation with individual classes as things become clearer after half term.

Please be assured that the Senior Leadership Team is monitoring very carefully to ensure things are of the usual high standards!

Reporting coronavirus positive cases over the holidays

Please could you let me know if you, your child, or a member of your household has tested positive for coronavirus over the period of half term as I may need to engage in track and trace activity especially within the first 48 hours of the holiday.

Library

We are all very excited about the book characters who have come to our library walls! I wonder how many you can name. There are a few more to be added this week so we will post pictures on the Facebook page once they are all finished!



Miss Watkins has also been able to get some library books on loan from our school library service for some pupils at home – we will ensure that these are delivered in good time so that you can enjoy the stories!

Here are some photographs of happy children and young people at work!





With very best wishes
Stephanie Coneboy
Headteacher