Dear Parents

We are so please with children's ongoing engagement with remote learning. They have all had such a positive attitude to their learning and shown resilience and perseverance. Thank you for all your work supporting them, we all know it is not easy.

I have enjoyed this week seeing increasing numbers of children out and about, and hope this is due in part to reducing screen time. We all know that the fresh air and being outdoors is good for everybody's mental health.

For those children at home you will see we have made an additional offer of a live teaching sessions each week. We hope the children enjoy these focused teaching sessions.

Please let us know if we can support in any way. Whether it is through providing stationery to complete work, technology or some support or guidance about how to help with remote learning.

Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy the weekend.

Lauren Murrey

## Reading Achievements

Congratulations to the following children for achieving their milestone this week:
Children can update their teacher with their Reading Achievements via the Google Meets.

|            | Reception | Nethercote | Harborne       | Rousham  |
|------------|-----------|------------|----------------|----------|
| 25 Reads   |           |            |                |          |
| 50 Reads   | Jack C    |            | Jack J         |          |
| 75 Reads   |           |            | Katie F, Alex J |          |
| 100 Reads  |           |            |                |          |
| 125 Reads  | Lydia L   | Livvy B    |                | Emily B  |
| 150 Reads  |           |            |                | Islay L-P |

## February Half Term

Just a reminder to all parents that school will be closed to all pupils for February half term. We will not set any work on Google Classroom during February half term and staff will not respond to any work submitted during this week. The office email address will be checked daily for the purposes of Track and Trace, it is important that if your child becomes unwell over half term with COVID symptoms that you request a test in the normal way and report the result to school. We appreciate your support with this.

## Children's Mental Health Week

It has been lovely seeing children 'Express Themselves' in so many different ways this week! It is always important to think about our mental health and well-being and vital to draw attention to it and actually learn about it from time to time, hopefully children have done that this week. We have received lots of positive feedback about the impact of reduced screen time, mostly from parents if we're honest!! It has been great to see children out and about enjoying the fresh air, we have noticed an increase this week.

Everybody's 'Express Yourself' postcards have been delivered or posted, please do complete them and return them to school by next Friday 12th February. We are looking forward to making a fabulous display with them.

## Free virtual online safety workshop for parents—8-9pm via Zoom on Wednesday 10th February 2021

Join this live webinar workshop to help you as parents or grandparents understand more about the risks young people face online, and what you can do to support them and to help minimise those risks. We also explain how you can get help if your young person encounters issues online. Lots of great resources and links will be shared during the session. There will be an opportunity at the end to ask questions. This workshop lasts around an hour and will take place exclusively on Zoom. Because this session is being run single-handedly there will be NO ADMISSION after 8pm. You will be able to join the Zoom session from 7:45pm. Places are strictly limited. Book your free place via the link at https://123parents.oxon.in

## School Lunches

The below is the weekly school lunch menu until further notice. Vegetables, jacket potatoes, fresh fruit and salad are available every day. We will return to the full menu when all children return to school.

- Monday        Chicken Nuggets or Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes. The dessert is a Cookie
- Tuesday       Pasta Bolognese or  Salmon Fishcake with Potato Wedges. Dessert is Chocolate Cake
- Wednesday     Roast Beef/Turkey or Quorn Sausage with Potatoes. Dessert is Waffles and Chocolate Sauce
- Thursday      Sausages and Mashed Potato or Macaroni Cheese. Dessert is Flapjack
- Friday        Fish or Quorn Dippers, both with Chips. Dessert is Ice Cream