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Weekly Update – Friday 22nd January

Well done everyone, you have reached the half way point of the term! I just want to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all for engaging so positively with the remote learning. I know how incredibly challenging it is particularly for those parents trying to juggle working from home and teaching your children. We appreciate everything you are doing but remember it is important that you also look after your own wellbeing.

I have joined several live Zoom and Google Meet sessions this week to speak to the children. I have to say how impressed I have been with both the learning being delivered and how the children are responding and adapting to this new way of learning. I would encourage as many children to join these sessions as possible. We feel it is vital that children still experience the social element of school albeit in a virtual way! Please remember the importance of adhering to the Zoom/Google Meet protocols when joining these sessions.

We are continually looking at ways to make improvements and this week teachers have been discussing introducing a 'No Screen Day'. We understand that children are spending a great deal of time in front of a screen and we are looking at ways to work on more practical activities to help break up the week. You will receive more information from your child's class teacher.

We had our first delivery of Lateral Flow Tests this morning. All staff within the school will be using these tests to test themselves twice weekly. With regular self-testing we can slow the spread and help protect the most vulnerable in our families and communities. If the member of staff does test positive, they will then need to take a PCR test. If this is a teaching member of staff, we have taken the decision to close the bubble until we get the result of the PCR test back. You will have seen in the media there are questions around the reliability of Lateral Flow Tests. This may mean that the bubble may need to close for a couple of days and then reopen if the member of staff's PCR test comes back negative. I appreciate how disruptive this could potentially be for working parents but stopping the spread and keeping everyone safe has to be the number one priority.

The Education Secretary has announced that schools will have a 2 week notice period to plan for the full reopening of schools. We are still unsure if this will be after the February half term but I will of course let you know as soon as I have any more information.

Hope you all have some time this weekend to relax and enjoy any snow that we may potentially have!!!!

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