



# Hollinswood Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Half Term

A big well done to all this half term; staff, children, and parents are working as a team and finding answers to the problems we have all encountered. It's the half term break next week so have a rest from schoolwork and make the most of what we're allowed to do. When term resumes on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February we will hopefully have some news as to when and how school might re-open.

## Reading

So far, we've had some great photos sent in of children caught reading. They range from the creatively elaborate to the beautifully simple. I am happy just to see children enjoying a book so please send all your photographs to [abigail.scott@taw.org.uk](mailto:abigail.scott@taw.org.uk).

## Remote Learning

Parents and children continue to impress with a magnificent effort around home teaching and learning. A lot of you clearly have a lot of teaching skills and are getting a lot from your children. Remember also to take a break and know when enough is enough for a morning or afternoon. Working at home for a child on their own or with a brother or sister can be a lot more intense than being in a classroom. In response to all your returned questionnaires we have established some ways forward. They are summarised below.

## Responses from the Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our remote learning questionnaire. We had 135 responses and the feedback given was very useful in planning how we can develop our remote learning offer further.

The responses were positive about the use of ClassDojo, the feedback that is given by the school staff and the use of videos that we have started to use to support you and the children. One parent said that when their child reads the comments from their class teacher it makes them smile - which is lovely to hear.

Moving forward, we will develop our remote learning further by:

- Increasing the use of videos to support with teaching and learning at home.
- Using Microsoft Teams more to provide the children with opportunities for social interactions and to provide support to individuals or groups of children who are struggling with work.
- Reviewing the activities that are uploaded for pupils and make sure worksheets are printer friendly.
- Provide more apps or options for completing activities online to avoid parents having to print out all the work.

The engagement with remote learning during this lockdown for the large majority of our pupils has been fantastic - despite all the challenges you face, including working from home, occupying many children at once and looking after yourself. As we move into the second half of term, we will continue to upload work daily. If your child is struggling to complete all of the work all of the time, please don't worry, but let us know so we can support you as a family. All questions are important questions.

Thank you for your continued support. Look out for each other.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Atkinson**  
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