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I hope that you all had a restful half term week; I expect many of you who have been supporting learning at home were pleased to have a week off too just like the children. The teachers and school staff had a great week off and are now very excited and working hard to get everything ready to welcome ALL of our lovely children back to school on Monday 8th March following the Prime Ministers announcement. We are busy reviewing procedures and the school's risk assessment in preparation for welcoming the whole school back and I will let you all know the details and the timings of the school day next week.

## TEAM BARTONS SHOUT OUTS

For our 'Shout Outs' this week ,the teachers have nominated:

Yr 6: Livia for her amazing effort in everything!Yr 5: Lawrence for his outstanding commitment and attitude to learning.

Yr 4: Sophie for her very hard work and taking pride in her presentation.

Yr 3: James for consistently excellent work throughout lockdown and rising to all challenges.

Yr 2: Summer for always putting in 100% effort.

Yr 1: George for amazing effort in all subjects all though lockdown.

Yr R: Lehanor for her amazing enthusiasm to all of her work! Miss Yardley is very happy.

My shout out is for all of the children who have been coming to school every week since January. All have walked into school smiling and have worked hard despite the obvious differences. The teachers have all said how brilliant they have been. Well done children!

## THOUGHTS FROM THE WEEK

I have decided that for the full opening of school, that we will relax the school uniform policy and so the children will not be required to wear school uniform for the four weeks before the Easter holidays. This is because many of you will find, like I did with my son, that their school uniform and school shoes no longer fit and so with shops still closed, it will be easier to just wear casual clothes. This also ensures that they can stay warm whilst we have windows open in class. Please ensure that clothing is appropriate. Layered clothes, joggers, leggings and trainers are best to wear to ensure that we can make the best of the outdoor spring weather for impromptu P.E lessons. Hair must still be tied back for children with long hair and please no fashion shoes, boots or heels which are not appropriate for school anyway. The uniform policy will be reinstated for the start of the summer term after the Easter holidays.

## CREATIVE ARTS DAY

This week, we celebrated Creative Arts day and in next weeks newsletter, I will share some of the activities and work from the day. The children really enjoyed it and so thank you to Mrs Reynolds, Miss Cook and Mrs Calton for planning such a great day.

## <u>BOOK WEEK (IST - 5TH MARCH)</u>

Book Week is next week and Mr Hayne has planned lots exciting activities on Seesaw which you can view from today. Please check out the amazing author and illustrator workshops - you can sign up to them for free. World Book Day is Thursday 4th and each teacher has planned a range of creative tasks based around an author. Also look out for our version of The Masked Reader and see if you can guess which teacher is reading each part of the story. The staff have also filmed a range of bedtime stories that you can snuggle down and listen to. We hope that you like them. Thank you to all of the children who entered the writing competition. Mr Hayne had 60 entries which is amazing. The results will be announced next week so good luck.

Stay safe and well. Best wishes Kate Powell

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