

Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first half term, I wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for your continued support in the safe return of your children to school. It has felt like a real team effort as we have all adjusted to the tweaked routines and procedures that have enabled us to fully reopen the school so successfully.

I have been delighted to see our children settled back in school. Our teachers and teaching assistants have spent time getting to know the children in their class and developing strong relationships with them. As all our teachers have got to know their classes well, we have adjusted our teaching to match the needs of the class and individual children.

When I wrote to you in June, I reassured you about the learning in school that was missed during the lockdown period. As I promised, we have continued to teach a broad and balanced curriculum with rich learning across all classes. Children have engaged in both historical and scientific enquiry while also focusing on the basics in the core subjects – English and Mathematics. As well as focusing on their learning, children have enjoyed socialising with their friends and working closely with their teachers again. We are all looking forward to next half term and we will continue to ensure that our children thrive in their classrooms.

Supporting our children's emotional health and wellbeing has always been at the forefront of our pastoral package. Both Chantelle Phillips and Mel Lines have been leading and delivering a diverse package of support to ensure our children's needs are effectively met during this time.

Throughout October, we have been celebrating Black History Month. Our classes have found out about the achievements and contributions of inspirational black men and women from the past and present. Across our school, our children have had the chance to reflect on the importance ensuring that all stories are told and all voices are heard and we continue as a school to celebrate the diversity that makes Springfield so special. We remain committed to ensuring that our curriculum is broad, balanced and representative and always welcome your feedback on your child's learning.

A big thank you to everyone who completed our remote learning survey; it provided us with really useful information which has informed our future approach to remote learning. This has been carefully planned so that we are prepared to provide learning for children who are isolating or if a bubble is closed. After half term, each class will have access to a Google Classroom which will provide access to remote learning for all our children. Please do look out for your child's login details and our 'how to' guides. I would also encourage you to get in contact with us if you have difficulties accessing electronic equipment, such as tablets or laptops, as we may well be able to help.

Another thing to look forward to after the half term is our parent-teacher meetings. To make the logistics possible, these will take place by telephone and we will be sending out slots for every child. If you cannot make the slot we assign, we will be able to provide an alternative.

During the half term break, I hope all our families have a well-earned rest and that children are ready to return to school fit and healthy. With this in mind please can I urge parents to follow the latest government guidance to minimise risk. As you will be aware, London is now subject to Tier 2 restrictions which means:

- You can see people from different households outside in groups of up to 6 people but you can only meet inside with those in your household or support bubble.
- Journeys should be limited where possible, but you can still travel and use transport to go to the shops, work and hospitality venues that are open.
- You cannot stay overnight somewhere if it means being inside with others that aren't in your household or support bubble.

Over the holiday, please look out for our half-termly learning snapshot. You will receive a newsletter that celebrates the incredible learning from this half term in each of our classes across the school. We hope it provides an opportunity to reflect with your child on their achievements so far and think ahead to what exciting opportunities are coming next.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are always available to meet with you should you need support or to discuss something with us. Please phone or email the office to book an appointment.

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