

Friday 5 February

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Remote Learning

You will be aware that all children will continue with remote learning until Friday 5 March. I'm sure that you are also aware that the NI Executive will meet again on Thursday 19 February to discuss the potential re-opening of schools. Should any subsequent announcement require clarification I will provide this through Seesaw. I will follow this up with any detailed information in my newsletter on Friday 26 February, once I have had an opportunity to meet with the School Leadership Team and the staff.

Half Term Holiday

School will close for the half term holiday on Friday 12 February. I'm sure that you will all be ready for a very well deserved break from Seesaw & remote learning!!! I won't send out a newsletter next week but I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all of your support and despite the pressures that you are under, the manner in which you and your children have engaged in Seesaw. Remote learning through Seesaw will begin again on Monday 22 February.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

As you are aware parent/consultations arranged for next week have been postponed (with the exception of Miss McWhirter's class - Thursday 11 & Friday 12 February). They have now been re-arranged and will take place on the following dates:

Nursery – Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 22 – 24 February

All other classes – Thursday 25 & Friday 26 February

Teachers will provide you with feedback on your child's progress since the last consultation in October, including their PTE/PTM scores (Y4-7) and their engagement in Seesaw. I would also appreciate any feedback that you have on remote learning. All consultations will last 10 minutes.

Teachers won't review IEPs as these will be reviewed when we return to school.

Teachers are currently co-ordinating sibling consultation times and once again I would really appreciate it if you could accept the day and time that you are offered. If the set day or time isn't suitable for you at all, please contact your child's teacher. Consultation days/times will be sent out via Seesaw on Friday 12 February.

On the days that teachers are engaging in parent/teacher consultations they will set work on Seesaw which your child can complete and you can mark together at home (teachers will provide answers as appropriate). There is no requirement to return work as teachers won't be available to access Seesaw.

Doorstep Dinners

The last number of months have been very difficult for everyone. I have been contacted by a number of organisations who would like to help.

One organisation is offering to provide a cooked meal and a breakfast pack once a week for an initial period of 4 weeks. Another company could provide support for example, if you require oil to heat your house.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at school or by email if we could support you in this way. It would be a confidential conversation with me, which not even your child's teacher would be aware of.