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Newsletter

February Half-Term Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2021

The Department for Education has confirmed that Schools will close to ALL children as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week. There will not be any live sessions or eschools learning set for that week.

COVID TESTING

I am sure that parents are aware that Primary school staff now have the opportunity to undertake Lateral Flow tests to help identify those who may be carriers of Covid-19, but who are asymptomatic (are not unwell or have symptoms). All of our school now have this in place, and whilst there may be some adjustments that are needed to our learning provisions, this gives further confidence in the safety of our settings.

As the availability of these tests increases it is important that we all understand that if you have symptoms of Covid-19 that you should book a PCR test immediately, not take a Lateral Flow Test. If this is not done it can delay results, putting more people at risk. Additionally we have been asked to remind everyone that a PCR test should only be booked IF you have symptoms, as Public Health are finding that more people are doing this incorrectly, clogging up the system to those who need tests.

I know that we are all worried and want to ensure the safety of those we love, but I know that the combination of following guidelines from Public Health, the increase in preventative testing and the rollout of immunisations, that our schools and communities will remain as safe as they can be.

FOOD HAMPERS REMINDER

If your child is not in school and you are in receipt of benefits and have had confirmation that you are entitled to free school meals you can request a food hamper. Please contact the school by emailing westonmill.reception@discoverymat.co.uk or phone the office on 365250 by **Thursday lunchtime** at the latest to request a food hamper for your child for the following week.

The pick-up area will be based outside the front entrance. One of our team will be available from school to support this.

The collection time for hampers will be between 11.30am and 12.30am every Tuesday.

If you are already registered to collect a hamper and no longer require one, please can you let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

SHOUT OUT!



Isaak in Year 3 has earned his 10th cherry on the cake. Well done Isaak
Great positive attitude to learning from Rhys, Thomas, Jennifer and Logan in Year 6.

In Year 5 shout outs go to Emily, Lily, Charlie and Grace.

Year 4 team want to shout out well done to Amalia, Noah, Logan and Hollie.

Lexi, in Year 3, a shout out to you from your teachers.

Well done to Connor in Year 2 and Year 1 team shout out to Sienna but the team think you all made a great effort with your 3 little pigs homes, as part of your Science.

And finally, in Foundation and Nursery a shout out to Oliver and Ethan, great effort with your learning this week.

This week's celebration photos are from the Year 1/2 Team!



ART COMPETITION

The Creative Earth Art Competition is asking children to draw their vision of a future world.

The link with ideas and details on how to enter is

<https://together-for-our-planet.ukcop26.org/creative-earth/>

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

If you are looking for support, you may find the website below helpful.

Please use the link below for the Mentally Healthy Schools website.

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/risks-and-protective-factors/coronavirus-supporting-childrens-mental-health/>