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Dear Parents/Carers,

I have enjoyed seeing children's smiling faces and home learning on our school Facebook page. It is a great way to stay connected. Our teacher Facebook admins are working hard in helping to keep the Facebook page alive. I think it is a really positive page. Thank you for helping us keep it that way.

Times are tough and we are all tired but we need to keep noticing glimmers of hope and look forward to brighter days. Every day we have something to be thankful for. Remember to be kind to yourselves and remember that your children see you as a superhero even if you don't feel like it some days. You are the constant in their lives and they will remember quality time with family with none of the worries that we, as adults, have. Time together watching a film, reading a book, playing outside is a memory in the making.

Positive case w/b 18th January.

We have had one positive case this week. Close contacts were informed on Saturday as well as the families of the children in school.

Provision for children of critical workers

Please remember to let us know the days you don't need your children to attend school. We have a maximum number for each bubble of children and we can't exceed that, so please only use a space if you absolutely need one.

Welcome to Mrs Derer

Our new Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Derer has joined our team at Mousehold. She is working at Mousehold two days a week. Some of the work is remote and some in school. She also works with families of George White Junior School. We have talked to Mrs Derer about some of the support our families might need at this time. She might contact some families over the next couple of weeks. If you would like specific support in any area of parenting then please make an appointment through the school office for Mrs Derer to contact you by telephone.

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Remote learning

We continue to hear positive feedback about the VLE and the paper learning packs. The teachers work very hard in preparing and planning inspiring resources and instructional video clips for you. If you have any feedback we always love to hear it.

This week Miss Balachandre has set up a new online reading scheme called 'Rising Stars', please check your emails on Parentmail for details of how to log in and enjoy all the books on there.

Lateral Flow Testing for school staff

The government have rolled out lateral flow testing for all school staff and catering staff, starting next week. This is optional for staff. These tests are not a replacement for the risk assessment, and all safety measures will remain as they are, but they will help to detect asymptomatic cases of COVID 19 amongst the staff reducing the risk of infection.

Staff will take a lateral flow test twice a week at home. If the test is positive then they will book a PCR test and self-isolate. If the lateral flow test is positive and there have been close contacts of staff or children then we will need to inform you at very short notice that the bubble of children is closed until we hear back from the PCR test. If the PCR test is positive the close contacts will continue to self- isolate and if it is negative then the close contacts can come back to school. We are very aware that this form of last minute communication for working parents is far from ideal but there is no way round it. The guidance for this came out on Wednesday evening this week, so we are working on getting this sorted ready for the end of next week.

Half-term

We are closed to all children over half-term. This is from Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Have a lovely weekend and take care.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

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