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Dear Parents/Carers,

Wishing you all a Happy New Lunar Year- Gong Xi Fat Cai- for those of you celebrating. May the year of the hard-working ox see you and your families through with good health.

This has been a half term full of challenges, with a lockdown from the second day of term, children learning remotely and increased pressure on parents, family and school staff; not to mention snow and power cuts! As a school community we have really pulled together to support one another- we should all celebrate our success in this.

From our remote learning questionnaire, it is clear that the majority of you are satisfied with the home learning set and the communication between home and school. You feel that the home learning is sufficient and generally do not wish for more. There has been more interest in having live lessons to help motivate children in the older year groups- primarily years 5 and 6. We will have live English and maths lessons from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February for Lotus class- links will be made available on the daily link document.

If you have individual concerns please get in touch with us so that we can try to find solutions to issues that you may encounter.

**Will we open on March 8th?**

Unfortunately I am unable to give you a clear answer on this- we were informed that the government will give schools 2 weeks' notice before we have all children back in- this would be Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. For the moment it is a case of watch this space...

**Track and Trace**

If you, or members of your household, contract Covid over the half term please let us know! The virus will not be taking a half term break. You can contact us via the school email address to let us know.

Remember to not socialise with people outside of your bubble. Your actions over the next week could have massive repercussions for other families and our school community when we return to school.



### **World Book Day Thursday 4th March 2021**

Mrs Mann will be messaging you all via Dojo about World Book Day. Each class' learning will be based around the story book, Journey, by Aaron Becker. This picture book is full of rich exciting imagery which will inspire a range of learning from Reception to year 6.

Children are invited to join in our World Book Day celebrations by coming in to school dressed as their favourite book character. For those of you at home, parents and children are welcome to join in- be creative as you like and be sure to send us photos; home made outfits are just as effective (and entertaining) as store bought ones! Mrs Mann will also share with you a link to Amazon where they are selling books for £1 in honour of World Book Day.

### **Feel Good Fridays**

It has been wonderful to see the children dressed up at home and in school- Marvel is clearly a big hit with our boys and girls! Our next theme on Friday 26th February is 'Dressing up'. We'd like children and staff to be dressed for a party- the perfect opportunity to wear outfits we've not been able to in a long time! Remember, if your children are at home we'd love for them to be 'dressed up' too!

As mentioned my email this week, we will not be setting any home learning for the half term; we would like for staff, parents and children alike to rest and relax.

Have the most wonderful half-term break and we'll see you back on Monday 22nd February for virtual, and in school learning.

Yours sincerely,

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