



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term seems to have raced by with us all getting used to new routines and challenges in school as well as at home.

I would like to thank you all, for your continued hard work with remote learning and hope that, within your families you are able to juggle home, work and school commitments as we continue to move towards the half term break.

Announcement

We send our warmest congratulations to two members of staff who in January have welcomed new additions to their families. Mrs & Mrs Martin had a baby boy called William, (Billy for short) at the beginning of January, and an early surprise for Mr & Mrs Ryan with the arrival of a baby girl, Ruby Elizabeth last week. All families are well and getting used to the routines and excitement of a little bundle of joy.

Half Term

Everyone deserves a break from school learning and I am writing to confirm that the DfE have now clarified that school will be closed to **all** pupils for the planned half term Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February.

Home learning will resume from Monday 22nd February, until at least the 8th March, subject to any further announcements. At this time we have not had any new information about how/when schools will re-open and we eagerly await the next Government update on the 22nd February.

Home Learning Technology

Just a quick reminder that if you are struggling at home with technologies, such as several children having to share one tablet for example, please contact Mrs Ashford as we may be able to help by way of loaning you a laptop for home learning. We would like to thank our ICT support, Technology Tamed, for clearing and preparing laptops for children to borrow and use at home.

Class emails

Please remember to use the class email address to communicate any concerns, difficulties or hurdles regarding learning directly to your child's class teacher. If your child has missed some learning due to ill health or is not able to complete work on certain days, class teachers can re set work and discuss this with you directly.

Catch-up Learning and Tutoring

You will remember that in my letter to you before Christmas that I mentioned how the school had planned, during the Spring Term 2021, to support children to catch-up on learning by employing tutors in school for a series of small group sessions, targeted for specific areas and needs.

Our plans came to an abrupt end as the second lockdown was announced. However, we have worked hard to reorganise and co-ordinate some of this planned work into home learning with tutors, through the National Tutoring Programme.

At this time, we are rolling out our programme as previously planned, based upon the mathematical needs of groups of children. The work is time limited for a few hours over the course of a two week block.

For this reason, only a certain number of children can access tutors at any one time. Tutors will continue to work with us in some form, ie on line learning or back in school for the rest of the academic year.

Please be patient at this time as the school is using specific criteria to arrange tutoring support. School will notify you directly if your child, alongside others, has the opportunity to access this support, based upon their attainment in December 2020.

Tutoring is an additional opportunity to learn and catch up, in addition to the maths that is being set by teachers each day. Parents are encouraged to support children to do what is manageable. The school does not want any child or family to be overwhelmed by trying to complete all home learning tasks as well as tutoring. However, we wish for this short opportunity for additional tutoring to be effective and help children gain confidence in a specific area of maths. Parents are best placed to decide how much of the home learning maths tasks can be completed alongside the additional tutoring time.

'Moving with Mr Moss' and 'Training with Mr Todd'

Look out for these PE challenges set by our two enthusiastic teachers to keep us all fit, active and happy! Links are included on our school's website www.trimley.net

Place 2 Be's Children's Mental Health Week 1st-7th February

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

We all know how hard it is to be in the position of not being able to enjoy our freedom once again, and the need to keep ourselves and others safe. We are all coping/managing this in different ways.

The above charity has adopted the theme of "Express Yourself" and have posted some ideas on their website of activities that can be undertaken with children at this, sometimes worrying and confusing time to support them.

We know we have many talented children in our community, and would love to see any examples of children expressing themselves in their own different ways. If you are happy to share these examples with us, please upload any messages, thoughts, feelings, pictures, or performances onto SeeSaw for your class teacher to see.

Fair Trade

As we continue to support Fair Trade farmers and our link with Felixstowe Fairtrade, some learning tasks will be set for children to complete after half term. The Co-op are currently running a drawing competition that children may like to take part in. The following link below provides details about the competition and the £100 first prize.

<https://www.eastofengland.coop/community/fairtrade>

Purple Mash Learning Blog – Children in KS2

Learning at home can feel very isolating as children lack the opportunity to discuss their learning with each other as they would do in the classroom. We learn a lot from hearing other people's ideas.

To give children more opportunities to connect, teachers are looking at a way to use the Blog capacity on Purple mash to do this. Further information on this will be sent soon, giving clear instructions and guidance about "Class Blogs" and how these can be used at specific times to help children connect and complete tasks.

Teachers would like children to use the "Class Blog" as a scheduled activity allowing children to respond to a learning task, post their ideas and look at the ideas of others. Teachers will approve suggestions submitted by children and will have control of the information that is shared at all times.

For this reason, "Class Blogs" will be scheduled on the weekly timetable of tasks and will last no longer than 30minutes. Please continue to access remote learning via the Year group page on our website, and look to see on what day and time your child's class Blog is going to be active. We hope children will be using these after half term.

Dinner Monies Owed

We are concerned that there are still some outstanding amounts of money owed for school dinners. Whilst this might be an over sight as children may not currently be attending school, can I ask that any outstanding payments are paid before the half term break please via your Parentmail account.

Arriving at school from 8:45 onwards

I would like to give a polite reminder that doors to school at this time are opening at 8:45am and closing at 9:00am. Please make sure you arrive at school during this 15 minute window. Some children are beginning to arrive a little too early, our staggered start to school is to avoid families meeting, and conversing on the playground at this time. Thank you for wearing a mask on school site, keeping to the demarcated zones away from door and emailing all communications to the class email address. Also, many thanks for your consideration and understanding that staff are not able to communicate with you at the door at either end of the day.

Date	Event
Week Commencing Monday 15th February 2021 - Half Term	
Friday 26 th March	Last Day of Spring Term
Saturday 27th March - Sunday 11th April - Easter Holidays	
Monday 12 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 3rd May 2021 - Bank Holiday	

