



# Weekly Update

12 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well and are looking forward to spending some quality family time over half term – or at least with no remote learning!

I know this lockdown continues to be incredibly difficult and challenging for everyone, especially in these dark and cold winter months. I hope the children onsite are enjoying being in school, and those at home have found the remote learning enjoyable. I also hope that those of you who have had 1:1 meetings with your class teachers to discuss the remote learning have found them useful.

Please remember, as we said at the start of this lockdown, you are all doing the best you can—you are the children's primary educator, so you know what your children can manage. Please do not put yourselves under any unnecessary pressure.

In terms of fully reopening, at the moment we are expecting that to be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Prime Minister is due to give an announcement on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, so we will give you more details once we have them.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the Friends Quiz evening tonight and wish you all a restful half term.

## **Test & Trace**

If your child is in school and they test positive for Covid-19 **up to and including Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, you must email the school on [covidtest@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:covidtest@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk) as we may need to ask staff and children to self-isolate. A reminder for families with children in school that if anyone in your household has symptoms or orders a Covid test, that you must tell us and keep your child at home until the result is known.

## **Remote Learning**

Firstly, many thanks to everyone who replied to the recent survey. We had over 120 response. We will share these with governors and publish the feedback after half term.

Remote Learning Packs will be available on the Monday after half term. Key Stage 2 children will also be able to collect exercise books for children to work in. Please keep these neat and tidy, as we will bring these back into school and use them when we are back.

## **Safeguarding.**

You may have heard of a local school having a serious incident where a stranger was able to access their ZOOM calls. Please remember we record all of our ZOOM calls. Can parents please make sure:

- ◆ Children need to login with their name
- ◆ Parents please do not take photos of the screen (with images of other children!)

## **Learning Next half term**

During the planning for next half term, we will look to join in celebrations around World Book on 4<sup>th</sup> March and Red Nose Day on 15<sup>th</sup> March. We will also start to hold weekly (live ZOOM) assemblies – Friday 10:00 for Key Stage 2 and 10:30am for Key Stage 2. ZOOMs invitations will be sent out after half term.

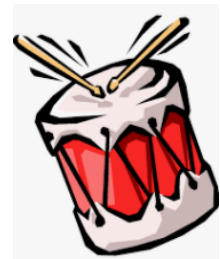
**From next half term we will also include Dress Up Friday—starting with Pirates on 26<sup>th</sup> February!**

# House Cup Winner



Water

Fire



Earth

Wind



4th place: **Fire** 141 points)

3rd place: **Wind** (150 points)

2nd place: **Water** (159 points)

1st place: **Earth** (179 points)

# Well Done Earth!