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“Every Child Every Chance Every Day”

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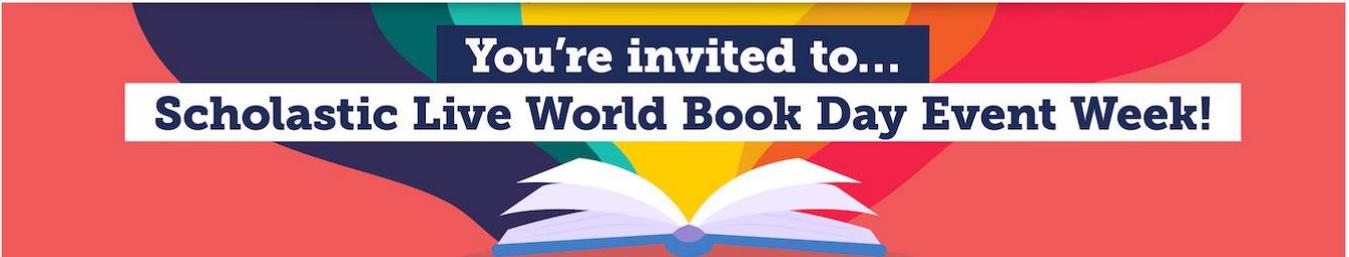
Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end, of what has been a very different half term and certainly not the start to 2021 we were hoping for, I would like to thank you for all the support you have given your children to manage the challenges of home learning.

We await the announcement from the Government on 22nd February to outline the plan for children’s return to school. We know there will at least another two weeks of learning from home. The timetable for the first week back will be available on the website and through Teams.

The week beginning 1st March is Book Week. Class timetables will include a variety of book related activities. Children at home and those at school can choose to dress up as a book character on Friday 5th March. If they would rather not dress up, children may like to make a costume for a soft toy/doll that represents a character from a book. Children will have an opportunity to share these during live class Teams meetings.

Scholastic Books have arranged a wonderful variety of live virtual drawing and writing events. Teachers will be including some of these in their timetables for the week, parents will need to sign up for these events in order for children to access the session. Parents may also like to register children for additional events. The link is included below. Register for each event with the password **clubsandfairs**.



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Learning Snapshots

Throughout this half term it has been lovely to see examples of the work children have been doing at home. We were really impressed with the book Naomi (Yr 1) wrote and illustrated and how beautifully she read her story. This week Harvey in Year 2 showed great resilience in doing his writing about healthy eating for a non-fiction book. Darion in Year 5 sent us a description and amazing photos of the icicles he saw on his scavenger hunt. Year 5&6 have been working on poetry. Edi sent a recording of his wonderful reading of the poem in Pig Heart Boy. Ben and Harvey E used this poem as a model to write their own poems about Covid.

<u>The last year at school</u> by Ben		<u>Covid</u> by Harvey E
<p>Year five started, the weather was hot, My friends played football, I did not. After Christmas, the snow was ice cold, Things all changed, the world was on hold.</p> <p>There was a virus. Got to stay away, We can be together, just not today. 2-meter distance, masks were being sold, Things all changed, the world is on hold.</p> <p>Lockdown lasted months and months, Stuck in doors, Joe Wicks doing jumps. People sick in hospital, mainly the old, Things all changed, the world is on hold.</p> <p>Pasta and loo rolls were hard to buy, Home schooling started, I wanted to cry Year five ended, will be back we we're told, Things all changed, the world is on hold.</p>	<p>Along came a man, Sir Captain Tom, He raised millions, sadly he has gone. NHS will never forget his heart of gold, Things all changed, the world is on hold.</p> <p>Last year of primary school already here, Covid 19 still gives out lots of fear. I'm missing my friends, laughter is gold, Things all changed, the world is on hold.</p> <p>Home schooling started once again, My laptop froze, not getting out a pen. Vaccines are here, have it and be bold, Things all changed, the word is on hold.</p> <p>When will all the death and isolation end, This virus is not a very nice friend. Everyone is sad but needs to stay calm, Things must change, world with no harm.</p>	<p>The nation stands in isolation Frustration to the nation All in isolation</p> <p>Everyone wearing masks to do everyday tasks All in isolation</p> <p>We are all so lonely Wishing to be homely All in isolation</p> <p>People dying here and dying there People dying everywhere All in isolation</p> <p>When will it end My life is about to bend All in isolation</p> <p>My feelings down In lockdown All in isolation</p>

Although it won't be the half term people were hoping for, I hope everyone is able to have a restful break next week.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A Grice
Headteacher