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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy and productive half term. The children have continued to work hard and achieve well. We have been particularly pleased with the children's engagement with Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars - regular use of these really does make a big difference, thank you for your encouragement and support with this.

We have also been working hard in school to promote and encourage our children to read as often as possible and we have been really pleased to see many children increase time spent reading at home. We read in school every day in a variety of ways from whole class teaching sessions, group sessions and within different areas of the curriculum. However individual 1 to 1 reading is something we would really appreciate support with. To this end, we are seeking any willing parents (or Grandparent) to be reading volunteers. If you think you could spare a little time, even if only half an hour, please contact your child's teacher, we would be extremely grateful.

With children at home next week and potentially spending time on devices and online, it would be pertinent timing to check the settings and sites our children are accessing. I have been made aware of recent instances, at other schools in the area, where children have accessed adult chat rooms due to a lack of age verification checks on them. This has led to children receiving inappropriate messages and images. This has obviously been upsetting for the children and parents involved so please remain vigilant and make regular checks of your children's devices and activity history.

School Update

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Lee has been appointed as Head of School. This will add to the school's leadership structure and stability. I will remain as Executive Head Teacher, Mr Lee will be full time Head of School and Mrs Marsden remains as Deputy Head of School. Mr Lee is an exceptional practitioner and leader. He will continue to teach in Year 2 on Thursday's and Fridays. I hope you will join me in congratulating Mr Lee on his new position.

Just a few reminders before we break for half term...

Monday 20th February is an INSET day - School closed to pupils.

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day- optional fancy dress and story reading breakfast for parents & children. Bookings via 'shop' on Eduspot – School Money.

Of course, we will have our Easter Celebrations towards the end of the half term too, more details of which will be sent nearer the time.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 21st February.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jenny Cook
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