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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: HALF-TERM BREAK (15th – 19th February 2021)

We are almost at the end of another half term that has been full of challenges for our pupils, staff and yourselves and would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting your children in adapting to this new way of learning. You may have had to juggle working from home, child-care, the sharing of devices and the effects of Covid on yourselves and your families, all whilst supporting your children with their school-work so that they can continue to make progress. All of your efforts are acknowledged and appreciated by staff and we know that everyone just has to do the best they can in these circumstances.

Thank you to those of you who responded to the survey sent to you about how your child is accessing remote learning. Paper learning packs are now going out regularly each Friday for each class, but please be reminded that you only need to come and collect a paper learning pack if your child is unable to access the work set on "myUSO". The work in the hard copy packs is the same work available to pupils online. (We want to avoid you having to make special journeys to come and collect these packs)

All classes from Reception to Year 6 are having regular TEAMS meetings with their teachers now. These have been a good opportunity to continue to meet as a class, take part in learning activities and address any issues that pupils may have with their remote learning.

We will not be setting any 'formal' work for the children to do over half term as both they and you deserve a well-earned break, but here are some ideas for activities that you could do for fun as a family. **No "work-packs" will be collected on Friday 12th February.**

- Bake some tasty treats
- Make some popcorn and watch a movie
- Write a short story, poem or play
- Read a new book or poem (out loud together)
- Build a den
- Write a letter or card and post it to someone
- Make up a dance routine
- Learn how something works or how something is made
- Challenge yourself to learn a times table that you don't know yet
- Make a model/collage from objects around yourself
- Create a work of art
- Find out about a country that you don't know much about
- Make up a new game that you can tell your friends about when they are back at school
- Go for a walk in the local area to spot something that you've never noticed before

Staff would love to hear all about your half-term fun in your TEAMS meetings when we return from Monday 22nd February. We will open the school for collection of work-packs on Friday 19th February so that if you do need a hard copy pack you will have it ready for Monday 22nd February. (Please note that the scheduled Training Day for staff due on the 22nd February will be moved to later in the summer term to plan for support/ catch-up and booster activities in the 2021/ 2022 academic year)



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Wider School Opening

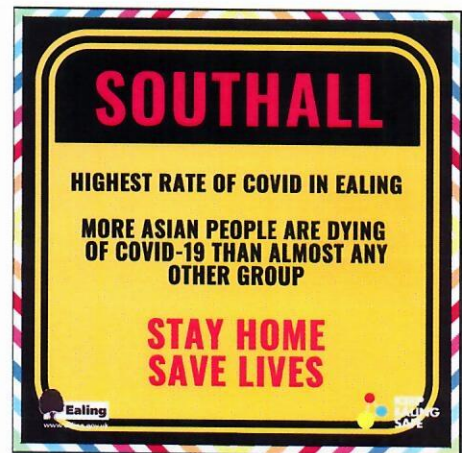
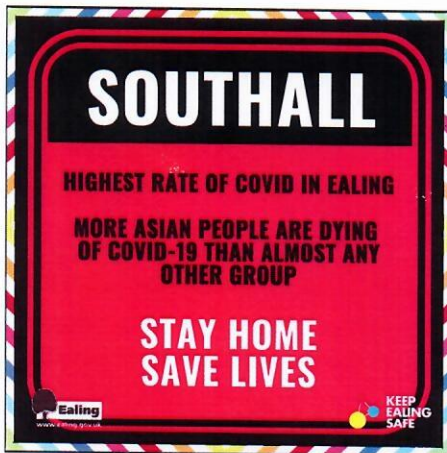
The government has not yet confirmed arrangements for a wider re-opening of school to all pupils. An announcement is expected by the 22nd February on this issue. We anticipate that some pupils will return to school from Monday 8th March 2021. *(Please wait for further advice on wider opening arrangements)*

Places remain available across all year groups for children of "**designated key-workers**" and other "**vulnerable pupils**". Pupils in the nursery are able to attend school for their usual 'morning' or 'afternoon' session if you have confirmed attendance to us.

If your child is struggling with online/ IT access at home we may also be able to offer a place to come and work in school supervised by school staff. Please email any requests to: emergency@beaconsfield.ealing.sch.uk.

Vaccines

More and more people are now being offered their vaccine appointments. There is a vaccination centre in Southall at the '**Dominion Centre**'. Please do take the vaccine if you are offered it. The more people vaccinated means we can more quickly return ALL PUPILS to school and also that government can reduce the social restrictions to allow us to see families, friends and loved ones.



Until restrictions are changed/ lifted we ask that you continue to follow all social distancing rules and that you continue to inform us of any positive Covid cases.

Kind regards

Mr Dave Woods
Head Teacher



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