

15 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

What a half-term! Just when we thought all the madness was behind us. I have to say, you've all been amazing during this lockdown. 95% of children are uploading work on a daily basis, which is fabulous. This means that these children will be ready to 'hit the ground running' when we return. I cannot tell you what a difference this will make, not only to your child but to our staff. We are so grateful to you all for your amazing work.

Please make sure that you all have a rest during half-term. This lockdown has been draining for us all and we all need to recharge our batteries and have some time away from computer screens. Can you please pass on my thanks to all our children. The way they've worked at home has shown great resilience and shown what a great attitude and love of learning they have.

Half-term activities

We know that this half term is going to be a challenge. Normally, you'd be doing some lovely activities with your children; however, lockdown means this isn't possible. We also know your children cannot play outside with friends and, therefore, we thought we'd try our best to help. Our teachers have created some fun resources/ideas for you to do with your kids over the holidays. They are on our portal under 2021 and then half-term resources. Please have a look and see if there's anything that you'd like.

Staff wellbeing

As I am sure you can imagine, it's been a stressful time for all my members of staff. They've been on their laptops 24/7 either delivering lessons, answering to children on Dojo and then having meetings with me, I think you'll agree they deserve a break. For their wellbeing, I am turning Dojo off for the week and have instructed them not to open their laptops. We will reopen Dojo on Sunday evening but please be aware that teachers will not be using this over the half-term so will not be able to answer any questions.

Half term Communication

We are excited to announce that some rooms in school are being decorated over half-term. One room being refurbished is the school office. We need to inform you of this as that means all our telephone systems will be turned off. The best way of contacting us during the half-term would be via email on enquiries@coleridgeprimary.org. Due to the refurbishments and COVID restrictions, it will be challenging for staff to be in the building during this week so email would be the easiest way to get in touch.

World Book Day 4th of March

On Thursday the 4th of March it will be World Book Day. We will be doing some exciting virtual events and we cannot wait to share them with you. Mrs Bowns will be writing to you shortly to share all our plans.

Finally, I wanted to share this quote with you all. What has happened over the past few months has been so challenging. So many issues have been thrown in front of us and each time we've managed to get past them. We are hopefully nearly at the end of this challenge. Let's have a lovely week, having fun with our families and then let's attack the next term with the same energy, desire and resolve as you've done over the past 6 weeks. You are doing amazing things and once this is all out of the way, we are going to have some amazing times together.

Take care and please stay safe and stay at home.

Kind regards



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Head teacher

