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Dear Parents / Carers



Welcome back to the second half of the term, though most of you remain at home and are supported by the on line learning. You have done so well and there is only a week left so, keep going, you are all nearly there. We have loved seeing the work children are doing so please continue to send it in and we will respond.

All children are to **return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. I sent a detailed letter home yesterday, explaining the measures we are taking to keep your children and the staff safe. Please do read it if you have not already. If you have concerns about returning to school, please get in touch. We need to reassure you because returning to school is mandatory from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Online learning will only be available for children who are self-isolating.

**Inset Days**

We had to postpone our Inset day before half term and this will now take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. There is also an Inset day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, straight after the Easter holidays. We have attached our Inset days to the holidays to reduce any inconvenience to parents. No children will be in school on these two dates.

**Fund Raising**

Well done to the Smith family who have raised over £2000 for the BPSCA, in memory of Major Tom, by walking 100 miles 'around the block' in Billingshurst. They must have very sore feet but thank you for their amazing support and thank you to all of you who contributed to this significant amount of money raised for the school.

**Competition**

Horsham District Council are running a competition for children's art work to adorn new A-frame signs to place outside schools to reduce congestion and inappropriate/illegal parking outside schools at drop-off and pick-up times. The drawing project title is 'Safe parking on the way to and from school as seen through the eyes of pupils'. Knowing how arty our children are, I know they will create some colourful and clever designs. The competition closes on 15<sup>th</sup> March so send in your ideas, with your child's full name and class on the back, and we will send them in. I suggest they should be on A4 paper and be large enough to fill most of the paper.

**Year 6 Blackland Farm Trip**

I wrote to Year 6 parents recently, encouraging you to sign up to the residential visit in June. We have had a few more come forward but not yet enough to make the trip viable.



Please do sign up as soon as possible. If you are entitled to Free School Meals, you only need to pay half. Please contact the school if you would like your child to attend but you are concerned about affordability-there are ways we can help as I would like as many as possible, if not all, children to experience this fabulous week. This year more than ever.

### **More fundraising**

Mrs Aichroth's son is about to undertake a massive challenge with four of his friends. Here is a message from him, in case any of you would like to support his efforts:

*I hope you're all well in this current situation! We're running 1240km in March between 4 of us, Hugo Gillespie, Lyle Aichroth, Harriet Thornton & Ben Lucking. We're raising money in aid of The Ruth Strauss Foundation and every donation will help. We are asking for donations and for people to share our page if you can. Thank you in advance for your contribution to this cause that means so much to us. Rare forms of lung cancer can affect anyone at any age. The Ruth Strauss foundation provides grants to fund research into these cancers and to provide emotional support to patients and their families. Join us in making a difference by supporting a good cause! We're hoping to raise £2,500 for this great cause and if you can help in any way by donating or sharing if you can then we can help make a massive difference.*

Thanks 😊

Instagram- @teamf.our

Facebook- Team Four Fundraising

Donate- <https://www.gofundme.com/f/1240km4cancer?teamInvite=jvqBJj8MyiiyQo5OA3ozf7ZsKDAjryJGJn2K3E0d4MLtLrCRXsPpU60qrowjvfy2>

Yours sincerely,

Helen Williamson  
Headteacher

### **Letters Home This Week**

All – Chartwells Advert

All – Letter Regarding Re-Opening on 8<sup>th</sup> March

### **Dates for Diary**

**Spring Term -** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021  
**Half Term -** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Summer Term -** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021  
**Half Term -** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**INSET Day -** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021