



Oakhurst Community First & Nursery
School
*'From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks
Grow'*

12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We made it to half term! I think everybody deserves a medal for that. Well done to all of you for all the time, effort, patience and love you've shown over the past half term.

We are all awaiting to see what Boris tells us on 22nd February about what happens next and whether we are able to open more fully from 8th March. As soon as there is more information and guidance we will let you all know. Children currently attending school will be able to return after half term on Monday 22nd February, and remote learning will also recommence for those at home on Monday 22nd February.

I feel what everyone has done with regards to remote learning has been working as well as it can do and we have been delighted that the vast majority of children have been engaging everyday with what has been set. Very well done!

Everyone deserves a break and rest over half term, but sometimes having no routine can be more challenging and stressful so if you are struggling for things to do, please use the wealth of resources that are available online and share what has worked well for you with others. Hopefully the weather will be fine allowing us to get out for walks, bike rides etc.

Also West Moors Library, although being closed at the moment, is still offering access to books, both fiction and information/non-fiction books via an order and collect service. You can request up to 10 books by using the libraries page on Dorset Council website (link below) or by phoning 01305 228400. You will then receive a phone call from the Library to arrange a pick up time! <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries-history-culture/libraries/library-services-during-covid-19/dorset-libraries-order-and-collect.aspx>

Free School Meals vouchers

Everyone who is eligible should have been issued with a supermarket voucher for over half term, but I need to let know you that we are not able to order vouchers for after half term until 22nd February, so as soon as we are back we will place our order and get your voucher to you as quickly as possible. Please be reminded that for those children in school, hot meals need to be ordered through Chartwells via the Dorset Meal selector website (link below).

<https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk/>

Covid-19

You may or may not be aware that since the end of January all school staff are now carrying out lateral flow COVID tests twice a week, which has given us some reassurance. However, this does not mean that we are able to relax any of the restrictions or take our eye off the ball with anything.

As such, please can I send a polite reminder to keep following the social distancing rules at drop off and pick up time. Only one member of the household should be bringing the children to school, please keep 2m apart from others and do not be tempted to gather and chat for any length of time. **Please make sure that you are following the one way system by keeping to the left when entering and exiting.**

If any child or staff member gets a positive test result over half term, please inform us as soon as possible by emailing myself on ann.clark@oakhurstfirst.com or the school office office@oakhurstfirst.com.

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Hope you all manage to have a calm and relaxed half term. Try to keep positive and strong. Things are moving in the right direction and Spring is on its way!

Much love,

Ann

SPRING TERM 2021

School starts:	Monday 4 th January
Half term starts:	Monday 15 th February
School starts:	Monday 22 nd February
Term ends:	Thursday 1 st April

SUMMER TERM 2021

School Starts:	Monday 19 th April
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 3 rd May
Half Term starts:	Monday 31 st May
School starts:	Monday 7 th June
Last day of school:	Friday 16 th July
INSET DAYS:	Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd July