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## Newsletter - February 2021

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to say a big well done to you all for your hard work coping with remote learning. I know it cannot be easy balancing parental responsibilities, your work and the education of your children. I know you are trying your best to complete all the work that is set and sending it back to the teachers.

### When is the School reopening to all children?

At the moment there is no answer to that question.

What is certain is that remote learning will continue until at least 8<sup>th</sup> March. That does not mean schools will be opening to all children at that point.

### Chromebooks

The school still has a number of Chromebooks that we are able to loan out to eligible children to enable them to access 'learning from home'.

If you do not have adequate numbers of computers/laptops/tablets, please contact the school office to enquire about borrowing a device. Please note, you will need to have Internet access at home.

### Financial Hardship?

The Local Authority has a large grant fund that is available to support families who have been financially affected by COVID. If you are struggling to put food on the table or pay your heating bill you can access support via this number 01296 531151.

The school can also refer you to the Food Bank.

It is a difficult time at the moment and the school is happy to signpost or engage support for families who need it. Let us know if you need help.

### Free School Meals Vouchers

If you are entitled and have not collected yours yet, please make sure you do. We are also working with the Local Authority to provide free school meal vouchers during the half term break.

### COVID

*Castlefield (the area) still has a very high infection rate, more than two and a half times the Buckinghamshire average.*

To protect staff and children, it is really important that you continue to play your part in reducing the spread of Corona. Please ensure you are not visiting other households and if your child is in school make sure you are **socially distance** from each other and **wear a mask** (unless exempt) when dropping off and collecting your children.



### Celebrating Learning

Dear rainbow fish,  
Thank you for giving me one of your beautiful shiny scale! Also, thank you for giving all the other fishes and my friends a beautiful shiny scale. I love the scale that you gave me! Me and my friends looks exactly like you because you have one scale left. I'm so happy that you gave me one of your beautiful and shiny scale! I hope you will be beautiful once again.  
Thank you Rainbow fish.

From,  
Blue fish

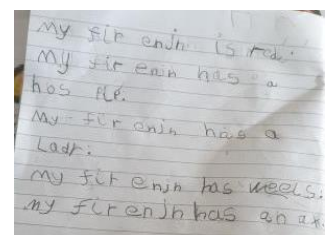
Y2 writing to the Rainbow Fish



Children in school playing in the snow!



Year 6 art



Reception writing about a fire engine



Ibrahim 3F – Van Gogh's Starry Night

### **Important Dates:**

Keep checking the website for any changes and new activities going on in school, including some great examples of work being completed at home

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If you **follow us on Facebook (Castlefield School, High Wycombe)**, you will see photographs and posts about the learning and fun activities that happen around the school.

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of half term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Holiday
<del>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February</del> <del>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</del>	<del>Y6 Holiday School</del> - cancelled
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL – IF ELIGIBLE or REMOTE LEARNING RESUMES</b>
<del>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March</del> Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<del>Target Setting Day</del> – postponed, new date to follow Last day of term
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> April Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Holiday School – To be confirmed
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>

Until the time we can welcome your children back to school, stay safe!

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Kann

(Headteacher)