

Federation of Grewelthorpe and Fountains  
C of E Primary Schools



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Headteacher: Pam Acheson



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping well and looking forward to the half term break. At present we are still working towards the 8<sup>th</sup> March as the earliest date for the children to return to school. Boris Johnson is expected to make a statement on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February which will hopefully confirm whether that is the case or not.

On behalf of all staff, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. We fully understand how frustrating and difficult a time it is at the moment. We hope that the remote learning we have provided during this lockdown has been an improvement on our earlier provision and that you have found it useful in supporting you with the work the children have had to complete at home.

We are regularly reviewing our offer so thank you for all the feedback you have provided to both myself and staff. It would be really helpful now that we have come to half term, if you could spend just five minutes on completing the attached survey which will help us assess what we will do after the holiday break. Please follow the link on the webpage.

Remote learning and the use of technology has really helped us deliver better quality provision for the children. However, we do acknowledge that this is a lot of screen time on a daily basis. For this reason, we have planned two non-screen days during the first two weeks of the next half term; Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. I have attached a powerpoint which will explain what we would like the children to do on these days as there will still be an expectation to take part but it just won't involve using screens. There will be no Teams calls on these days.

As a starting point, I have also attached a non-screen challenge for the half term holiday. It includes lots of fun activities which might just help them keep busy when we are still in lockdown and unable to do the things we would normally do during a holiday.

After the half term break, we have made some changes to the scheduling of the TEAMS calls to enable teachers to do direct teaching and support the core subjects; Maths and English. The times are as follows:

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**Class 1**

**Monday and Fridays:** 9:30am

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays:** Group 1: 9:15am  
Group 2: 9:45am

**Class 2**

**All week:** Year 1: 10:30am  
Year 2: 11:00am

**Class 3**

**All week:** Year 3: 11:00am  
Year 4: 11:30am

**Class 4**

**Monday only:** 9:30am

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:** Year 5: 9:30am  
Year 6: 10:00am

I hope that you all have a lovely half term. Take care.

Kind regards,

Pam Acheson