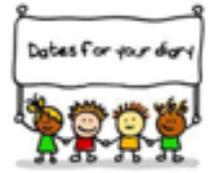




**Dear Parents** As half term approaches, I would like to share with you our plans for next half term and a governor update with the outcome of the recent elections that have taken place. Mr Andy Howarth has been elected onto the Governing Body by the staff and Dr Tom Gant and Mrs Lucy Martin have been elected onto the Governing Body by the parents. Thank you to all parents who voted - we had 162 votes in total which is a 51% turnout.



**Ambassadors** We have also got two new ambassadors for this academic year. Well done to Eleanor Metcalfe and Jake Smith who are our new ambassadors - I am sure you will represent our school magnificently!

**Online learning in the event of self-isolation/lockdown** In the event of a lockdown, your child's class teacher will send home links that you can follow in order to access your children's learning. In maths, these activities will be based on White Rose Maths. In English, the focus will be on reading and comprehension as it was felt that these activities are easier for you to manage than writing tasks. Non-core subject tasks will also be sent out but limited in their volume and content as our focus is on maintaining our children's maths and reading skills. You will be informed of our weekly topics in each of these subjects so that in the event of a lockdown, you know which week to access. Work is to be completed in books that we will send home before half term. These books will be labelled 'Home Learning Books' and the children will have one for English, maths and the non-core subjects. At the beginning of next half term you will receive a half termly plan of activities that includes what the topic/theme is for each individual week and then a link to the content that you can access.

23rd Oct - Staff CPD Day

2nd Nov - Back to school

W/B 9th Nov - Progress reports to parents and follow up phone calls

18th Dec - Break up

**Parent Consultations** During the week beginning 9th November you will receive a report regarding your child's progress so far this year with an option for you to book a phone call to discuss any specific aspects of the report if needs be. The content of the written report will include the following: Where your child is currently in terms of academic progress in reading, writing and maths based on recent assessments. What we are doing to support them. What you can do to support them. For parents of children in Reception, you will receive a summary of how well your child has settled in and what we and you can do to support them further. These progress reports are to be sent out week beginning 9th November which coincides with our usual face to face parent consultation timetable.

**Tutoring** As you may well be aware, schools have received additional funding to support those children whose learning, as a result of the lockdown, has suffered. We are employing additional members of staff from after half term who will be used to work with the majority of the children within the class allowing teachers time to take smaller groups of children (whose baseline assessments have identified them as needing additional support) out of class to help them catch up. The additional member of staff (all of which are qualified tutors/teachers will deliver lessons that have been planned by our teachers. We have sufficient funding to run these catch up programmes for 17 weeks. (A 12 week block up to February half term and then a 5 week block to Easter).

**Covid measures** It was my absolute hope that we would have been able to ease some of the sanctions imposed on us once we returned to school after half term. Changing the seating arrangements in class for the children, reverting back to normal lunchtimes and all having the same start and end of day times would have made a huge difference to the logistics in school. However, we cannot ease these measures whilst the local area is actually having greater sanctions put in place, so for the time being I am afraid that we shall have to continue as we have been doing so for the foreseeable future.

**Pre School - Our theme  
this half term is: 'Mini-  
beasts'**

**Reception and Year 1 -  
Our theme this half  
term is: 'Mini-beasts'**

**Year 2 and 3 - Our  
theme this half term  
is: 'Space'**

**Year 4, 5 and 6 - Our  
theme this half term is:  
'The Victorians'**