



12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We did it! This has probably been the most challenging start of the year for us all and we have made it to half term. If you recall my letter that I sent out on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January, there was much uncertainty and anxiety. We have managed to find a new way of existing as a community despite this.

### *This week*

- Ruxley Church has appointed Reverend Fiona Ellingham. I spoke to her this week and she is keen to work with the school. She is visiting Riverview after half term.
- Fiona wanted to let parents at home know that she 'takes her hat off to you'. She understands that remote learning has been a challenge and wants you to keep up the good work.
- Our Attached Consultant from Guildford Diocese held a meeting with leaders. She was very positive about our reviewed curriculum and felt that the progression documents (on our website) were some of the best she had seen.
- Our 'What is Nature?' challenge has produced some incredible work. It has been wonderful to see art that is personal to the children as well. Enjoy the film, which is on Google Classroom.
- There has been an increase in children working independently at home. This is a great achievement and supports the teachers with assessing where the children are so we can plan effectively for after half term. Well done if you have achieved this at home.
- Attendance this week for Riverview has been 90%.
- Hayley trialled a parents meeting on Google Meets this week and it will continue after half term. This is a space for any parents to chat and come together to support each other.

- EYFS/ KS1 parents – Tuesdays 12:00
- KS2 parents – Fridays 12:00

### *Half Term- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February*

- Please see the attached leaflet on what to do during half term if your child develops COVID 19 symptoms.

*Riverview exists to love, challenge and inspire children and adults within a Christian community*

- CBBC will be uploading videos daily (suitable for 5-11 year olds) with programmes like Horrible Histories, Blue Peter, Newsround, The Next Step, Saturday Mash-Up, Operation Ouch, the Playlist, the Dumping Ground, Heirs of the Night and Jamie Johnson. Please subscribe to [www.youtube.com/cbbc](http://www.youtube.com/cbbc) - (Free to subscribe) and don't forget to watch the CBBC live daily and on the BBC iPlayer.
- Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity are offering free places to lower income families on their HELP Parents Course. The courses help parents of children with dyslexia to support them at home with reading, spelling, maths and study skills. One course starts on 22 February and another is scheduled for May. Course and details are here: <https://www.helenarkell.org.uk/news/new-dates-help-course-for-parents-online.php>

As the children have been working hard on Google Classroom we hope that you are able to encourage them to reduce use of screen time on their devices over half term.

### ***Week Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> February***

- Those children that are in school are to return on the days that they attended before half term.
- There will be a whole school assembly on Google Classroom on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 09:15.
- If your family circumstances have changed, please let us know. We may be able to help in some way.
- I would also like to remind parents to make sure they check their ParentMail on a daily basis to ensure they don't miss any messages from school.
- Finally, if the Government announces anything, please wait to hear from the school so that you know the arrangements for Riverview.

Take care and keep safe.

**Mrs M Atkins**  
**Headteacher**