



Dear Parents

Just a quick note to finish off a very quick half term to say thank you to all that you have done to support your child's learning at home and for the support given by those parents with children in school. We do not underestimate the challenges that home schooling brings to everyone and I am very glad that my own three children are grown up and I only have to cope with three people in the household needing decent wi-fi and quiet for online meetings.

This week saw the old school building finally flattened. The demolition team were surprised at how little resistance the structure gave! As sad as it is, the new building certainly makes up for it and we cannot wait for the day when all of our pupils can see their new classrooms in real life.

Remote Learning

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the remote learning survey – we had over 120 responses providing us with ideas for the future and affirming comments, which are being shared with all staff. I will give a breakdown of the survey after half term.

Remote links for Monday 22nd will be sent out to parents on Friday 19th February. Staff will changeover again for Years 1-6 with Miss Kenny, Mrs Browne, Miss Roper and Mrs Brooks leading the remote learning in the first week back.

Well Being

Last week we took part in mental health week and I am pleased with the feedback from home and in school to these activities. Attached to this communication is a resource with tips on helping your child with anxiety. ChildLine have resources to support children and young people with anxiety, stress and panic. Their guidance can be found here:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/>

Internet Safety

Following on from internet safety day, please find attached Herts for Learning's Spring term newsletter.

Season of Lent

It is hard to believe that we will soon be starting the season of Lent. Attached is an aide memoir for pupils about the season and Ash Wednesday.

Finally

"Life is often a desert, it is difficult to walk, but if we trust in God, it can become beautiful and wide as a highway. Never lose hope; continue to believe, always, in spite of everything. Hope opens new horizons, making us capable of dreaming what is not even imaginable." **Pope Francis**

I wish you all a peaceful week and well deserved break from work and computer screens.