



Scotch Orchard Primary School

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Spring Term Newsletter - February 2021



It is hard to believe that the first half of our Spring Term has come to an end. Firstly, I'd like to thank all of our children for their incredible resilience and positivity in adapting to remote-learning - both at home and those in school. Our critical worker children brighten up our days with their smiles and eagerness to learn, despite the changes to their usual routines and missing their fellow class mates. Secondly, I must express my heart-felt thanks to our teaching and support staff, who have gone above and beyond in their dedication to keep remote-learning as consistent as possible with our usual school day. We certainly have some future YouTube stars in the making! I'd also like to welcome Mr Hobbs to the team as our new Learning Mentor, who will be supporting the teaching of reading and phonics across the school. Finally, I'd like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your unwavering support during this challenging half term. Your positive messages and feedback to both myself and staff have been invaluable. I firmly believe that together we are stronger and when our Scotch Orchard community works as one, there is nothing we cannot achieve.

We do not yet know when school life will return to normal and if we will reopen to all our children on 8th March. We are, like you, awaiting an announcement from the government. Until then, take care, stay safe and have a restful half term break. We look forward to 'seeing' you all either in person or virtually on Monday 22nd February.

Mrs Bishop
Headteacher



He-art Attack!

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the secret He-art Attack project and decorated our school gates with your heart-warming messages and pictures. This little act of kindness has touched all of our staff. Our school motto is 'Caring, Believing and Achieving' and you have all proved that you are just that. Thank you from us all!



Staying connected

Ensuring your children still feel connected to our school community has been a priority for us over the past half term and will continue to be after the break.

Our daily Teams meetings have been a great success in keeping our children connected with their friends and class teacher, giving them the opportunity to share their successes and achievements as well as supporting their emotional and mental wellbeing. Next term, we will continue to reach out either with a phone call from your class teacher, a sibling's class teacher or a member of our support staff.

Please remember we are all here for you. If you are worried about anything or are experiencing any difficulties, technical issues or simply just want to talk, please drop myself or your class teacher an e-mail, send a message through ClassDojo or contact the office.

Covid reporting during Half Term:

During half term, we are still required to monitor positive cases of anyone who has attended school. We will continue to assist supporting the identification and notification of close contacts as they will need to self-isolate. To report a positive case to school during half term, please use our new dedicated email address: covid19@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk

Diary Dates

INSET days

(school closed to children):

Monday 15th March

Friday 30th April

Monday 5th July

Term Dates

Spring Term Dates 2021

Half term: Monday 15 February -

Friday 19 February

Term ends: Thursday 1 April

Holiday: Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 4 April

Summer Term Dates 2021

Term starts: Monday 19 April

May Day: Monday 3 May

Half term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June

Term ends: Wednesday 21 July

Summer holiday: Thursday 22 July - Tuesday 31 August