



IGHTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

12th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family have had a good week, and perhaps even had time to enjoy the snow. It has apparently been colder this week than it has been for a number of years in this country.

May I remind you that next week is half term so there will be no work set. Remote learning will recommence on Monday 22nd February.

After half term, the Government will make an announcement about the plan for schools. I had previously understood that an announcement would be made on Monday 22nd February as to what will happen, but the wording subtly changed yesterday, I believe, to an announcement being made "from the 22nd February". I shall therefore await the update which I am sure we shall receive in due course.

It was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday this week so hopefully your child spent some time reflecting on how to stay safe on the internet. Please may I take this opportunity to remind you of our Acceptable User Policies for both pupils and parents that are in place to support remote learning. These were sent out to you, via parentmail, a couple of weeks ago.

On Thursday, Craig Jenkins joined us remotely to lead storytelling sessions for KS1 and KS2. I understand they were extremely well received. A small selection of the comments from our Key Stage 2 children include: "I LOVED IT!"; "IT WAS SO GOOD"; "It was hilarious"; "That was amazing!"; "Thank you, Mummy found it very funny. I thought it was fab"; That was soooooooooooooooooooooo good". Thank you to the PSA for funding his appearance.

I received an update from Starfish Malawi earlier in the week about our link school, Thugulu, and the situation currently in Malawi. Starfish Malawi are putting in a huge amount of work regarding the need for vaccines in Malawi and especially education about them. Malawi has big problems with hospitals overrun and shortages of oxygen and medication.

May I finish by thanking you all for your support throughout this extremely challenging time for us all. We shall get through this and our school community will be stronger than ever.

Kind regards,

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