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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have enjoyed a wide range of activities this week to support Mental Health Awareness. We have certainly enjoyed sharing the feedback from those of you who are learning at home.

The staff and I have reviewed the quality and consistency of remote learning engagement and where children have shown commitment, progress and enthusiasm, a special certificate of commendation has been posted to their house. Congratulations to Charlie C, Phoenix, Eddie, Billy, Elsie, Quinn, Maggie, Emily, Annabelle, Max, Oliver C, George S, Michael T, Benjamin, Ellie, Sam, Oliver W. We look forward to issuing these in future on a weekly basis along with the Headteacher's award for those who are accessing their learning in school.

Attendance Policy

Please find attached an updated copy of our annual Attendance Policy. This includes guidance, support and expectations about virtual attendance for remote education as well as attending school on site.

Staff News

I am sure you would like to join the staff in wishing the very best to Miss Ling who will be leaving us at the end of this half term. Miss Ling has an extremely long history of association at Cavendish Primary School and has been a pupil, an apprentice, a volunteer and a member of staff during her time with us. We wish her the very best for the next steps in her career.

Reading Resources

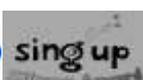
As we move towards the last week of teaching before half term, we would like to request that for children in Mars and Jupiter Class, all reading scheme books which were sent out originally in the home learning support pack, are returned to school by 2.00pm on Friday, 12th February. This will give the books time to isolate over half term and be ready to be part of the book issue for children after half term, which will be available from 10.00am on Tuesday 23rd February. We will also have available additional writing and maths books for those children who have completed their first exercise books at home. Children in Saturn and Neptune Class should keep their guided reading book but return any other reading scheme/library books which they may have at home. Again, additional reading resources will be issued after half term.

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March

Continuing with our reading theme, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 4th March both in school and at home. Our theme this year will be 'Family Favourites'. We would very much like to see how you share reading at home. This may be as a photograph, book review, audio/visual recording, picture or just a posted recommendation in your class chat. There will still be prizes for best costumes and grown-ups who are supporting learning at home are welcome to join in if they wish to share in their family favourite. Children who attend school on this day should come to school in their World Book Day costume (please make sure you have warm enough clothes for play and lunchtime and for the well-ventilated classroom!). On this occasion children should not bring their book in to school but should be



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able to share reasons for their choice with their class teacher. This year the World Book Day tokens will be issued digitally to enable every child to have access to the specially produced books released to support World Book Day. Further details will follow after half term.

Severe Weather

As you may have heard on the news, there is the possibility of snow in our area at the weekend and into Monday. For the school to remain open it is dependent on sufficient numbers of staff being able to attend in order to maintain the class bubbles under the Covid-19 Risk Assessment requirements. Should the school need to close, parents of children who would normally attend on a Monday will be telephoned early on Monday morning.

Kind regards
Cheryl Wass
Headteacher



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