

### **COVID update**

*Thank you to everyone who has been doing a fantastic job of following the lockdown rules. We know it's so hard but we very much appreciate all your efforts.*

*We wanted to say a massive thank you to all our families who are home schooling at the moment, whether you use us for a few days a week or have kept your children at home all week. We appreciate your efforts. We realise it's hard juggling home schooling and everyday life but we think you're all doing a fabulous job. We have a number of our own staff who are experiencing the same as you, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Johnson are both home schooling their own children while working with our children on line so we are aware how hard you are working at the moment. Please be kind to yourselves, remembering it's half term next week; hopefully it won't be for very much longer.*

*We are beginning to plan for the future and our hopeful reopening on 8<sup>th</sup> March. We would like to know how our children are feeling so there will be a questionnaire (which will be sent as an assignment on the child's learning page). We will then use this information to plan for the children's return.*

### **Sad News**

*This week we had some sad news and we would like to take this opportunity to send our condolences to the family. We are here to help if you need us.*

*We have set up part of our website with some information for parents on how to support grief & loss (<https://www.heighingtonmillfield.co.uk/page/?title=Grief+%26amp%3B+Loss&pid=38>).*

*We have always found that being open and honest with a child about death is the best way to be. Sometimes the hardest part is saying the words so it might be worth practicing what you plan to say beforehand. Talk to them in a quiet place and explain that you have something sad that you want to talk to them about. They might not say anything afterwards (this is okay), they might have many questions - be led by them. As time passes, the children may want to do something for their friend - writing a card or letter or drawing a picture is always a good start.*

### **Express Yourself**

*Thank you to everyone who took part last week. We are currently struggling with technology but there will be a film of all the children's returned work coming very soon.*



### **TERM DATES 2020 / 21**

*Term 3 – Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 12th February 2021*

*Term 4 – Monday 22nd February 2021 to Wednesday 31st March 2021*

*Bank Holidays – Friday 2nd April & Monday 5th April 2021*

*Term 5 – Monday 19th April 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021*

*Bank Holidays – Monday 3rd & Monday 31st May 2021*

*Term 6 – Monday 7th June 2021 to Tuesday 20th July 2021*