



Eggescliffe C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it to the end of the term! Thank you for all your superb efforts helping your magnificent children manage their learning through difficult circumstances and for trusting the team at Eggescliffe Primary School to help and support you.

Our school team are doing a phenomenal job managing remote learning for children at home, provision for the children in school, providing feedback and maintaining contact with children and yourselves. Their workload has increased significantly over the last few weeks and I trust you will agree that they are an amazing team who have always focused on what is best for the children, whilst putting their own worries around Covid-19 aside.

Parent Consultation Groups

I'm really keen to set up various parental consultation groups moving forward as we strive very hard to provide the best possible education and we value your opinions on what you feel is working well and your view about how we could get even better. If you would be interested in being a part of this group, please could you email Lesley by **8th March**. I shall be in touch when I see what the response has been like. I would like representations from across the school, new parents, parents who have known school a long time, parents with one child or multiple siblings, so that we have lots of views represented.

Half Term

There are some very tired faces around school (and online and that's not just the teachers!), and I'm sure that a half term break is exactly what is needed. We wish you and your families a lovely, safe week where you can spend quality time together. Children need time to chill, to play, to catch up with friends and family online or over the phone, if at all possible and just be themselves. There is no remote learning for the half term, no homework, no expectations from school other than enjoy this time together as a family as that is what is most important. **School term starts again on: Monday 22.2.21**

Plans for returning to school

We still have no firm plans on returning to school. I very much hope that we will be given the 2 weeks' notice as promised by the government, so we can put all the right actions into place in good time. Monday 8th March is still a date which we have as the earliest possible point of return, but there are no firm decisions just yet. We know that you will be concerned about where your child is at with their learning, and we also accept that you may be concerned about 'falling behind' again. Last term we worked very hard to get the children back on track and we will continue to do so as and when all children return to school. Please remember this is a national issue, children all across the country are being asked to stay at home. When the time comes, when it is safe to do so, we will get back on track. We've done it before and we will do it again. We will support every one of our children to make sure that they have the knowledge, skills and understanding they need.

I am a huge believer in the children's resilience – they never cease to amaze me – and I am confident that our school community will come out of this pandemic stronger in many ways.

We can, and will, come through this difficult time together.

Kind regards,

Mandy

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