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Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of this half term, I am incredibly grateful to all the members of our school community. It has not been an easy adjustment and we have missed having the children in school but I am so impressed with how hard the children have worked and the support and patience you, as parents, have shown. Coupled with the dedication of our amazing staff, it has been a successful half term in difficult circumstances. It is a real testament to the fact that whilst we are only a small school, we are an incredibly strong community and I send you all my heartfelt thanks.

We do not know yet what the timeline will be for the children returning to school. However, I am hopeful that some, if not all the children, will be back on 8th March. Whilst we wait for the government announcement, we are making plans for their return and rest assured that we will be in touch after half term with more detailed information.

Regardless of whether your child is in school or learning from home, we have lots of exciting plans for the rest of the spring term. Miss Farrell and Miss Cassidy are hard at work building a virtual library for the children to enjoy and we hope to take delivery of our SPARK book award books, ready for collection after the holidays. Apologies for the delay, but the Regency Bookshop, who are supplying the discounted books, has been overwhelmed with the sheer quantity of requests. It is wonderful to see that despite all this time on screen, there is no replacement for a good book.

Mrs O’Gorman is leading our Eco Week after half term. The children will have the chance to take part in different activities aimed at developing their understanding of the environment and how they can make a real difference. Alongside Eco Week runs Fairtrade Fortnight, which Mrs Black is kindly organising. With a focus on climate, this is another exciting opportunity for our children to develop their vision of the world they want to live in. All of these activities are helping us on our journey to become an eco-school and are another way in which we are preparing our children to be leaders of the future – I know they will rise to the challenge.

Don’t forget, if you are looking for a little excitement, our PTA are introducing our very own School Lottery so do sign up. A flyer with more information is attached. They are also running a wine tasting event for you to enjoy from the comfort of your own home after half term. Please come along and raise a glass or two if you can, tickets are now available to purchase on SCOPay.

Whilst this holiday cannot be filled with the trips, visits and time with loved ones that many of us usually enjoy, I do hope that you will all have a well-earned break and some time to rest and relax. I know the last year has been a challenge for us all but I am aware that some of our community are facing particularly difficult circumstances and I would ask you hold them in your thoughts and prayers. I hope you have a happy and healthy half term with your children.

Yours sincerely,
Catherine Hughes, Headteacher