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Dear School Family,

I am delighted to have reached half term, almost a year after the first Lockdown, with no positive COVID cases. I'm so grateful for all the hard work of staff and parents that has meant we have managed to get this far safely. I am hoping we will be able to invite all children back in when the Government allows. In the meantime, I am sorry to have to say we are at capacity and are unable to provide any more spaces until a full return now.

This week, we have had 'Safer Internet Day' where we have been looking at how to keep ourselves safe online. There are some good family links on the website that I would recommend you look at together. Technology changes so quickly and our children are very adept at using all kinds of platforms. It's worth noting the age restrictions for various social media platforms as many sites are unsuitable for Primary age children.

WhatsApp users will now need to be 16 to use WhatsApp.

Nearly all other social media services require users to be at least **13 years of age** to access and use their services. This includes **Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musical.ly and Skype**. Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on **YouTube**, **users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account.**

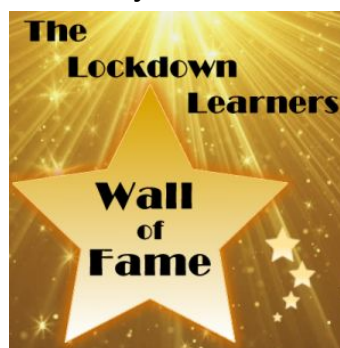
Half Term

In line with Government guidance, **school will be closed as normal for half term from the week beginning 15th-19th February** and Monday 22nd February remains a training day as on the original Term Dates. Staff will be designing the very best curriculum to meet the needs of our children on that training day. We will reopen for Critical Workers and Vulnerable families on **Tuesday 23rd March.**

Winter Grant Scheme Free School Meals February Half Term

Your Free School Meal Voucher from Plymouth City Council - Winter Grant Scheme valued at £15.00 per child has been emailed to you. If you have not received it, please inform the office. Remember to check your Junk folder for your voucher. The expiry date of the voucher is 3rd May 2021, so please redeem before this date.

Lockdown Learning at Keyham Barton!



In this week's Lockdown Hall of Fame, we have:

Courage: Liby & Penelope
Kindness: Philippa & Evan
Compassion: Samuel and JJ
Forgiveness: Thomas & Jessica
Peace: Ysobel and Emmanuel
Integrity: Harry and Nissi
Justice: Pixie and Lewis

Here are some of the Keyham family, hard at work on their remote learning this week!

Years 1 and 2 have been making vehicles in Design Technology.



Year 5 and 6 Art Masterpieces

This week, Year 5 and 6 created their final pieces for our Cubism topic, with some outstanding results! You can really see the different techniques and styles used to create these cubist designs.



Here are this week's Top Online Learners.



EYFS	Robyn
Y1	David
Y2	Emilia



Y6	Ethan
Y5	Mackenzie
Y4	Lincoln
Y3	Jesus
Y2	Mohammad



Y6	Sophia
Y5	Nissi
Y4	Isaac D
Y3	Jessica
Y2	Olivia
Y1	Ethan
EYFS	Oliver G

Please let us know if you need any further support with remote learning as we are keen to get all our children online, so they do not fall behind. **Our next Google Meets will be on Tuesday 23rd February** and we will look forward to welcoming everyone back then. Hang tight with remote learning. Hopefully we are almost there!

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WORSHIP AND LITURGY

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday



This Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The night before is Shrove Tuesday where we feast - or make pancakes - in preparation for Lent.

Lent is a time for taking stock. It's about giving up the things that stop us from growing and making time for things that are good for us and for our wellbeing.

We recall the time that Jesus went into the desert to help prepare himself for what was to come. Jesus needed a little bit of time to gather himself before he was ready to carry on. Sometimes, we need a bit of quiet and reflective time too and Lent is a period of time where we can take stock and evaluate our lives; to do more of what makes us happy and less of what makes us sad or anxious.

Action

During Lent, we are encouraged to do 3 things:

Fast - give up something that is bad for us to make room for something that is good.

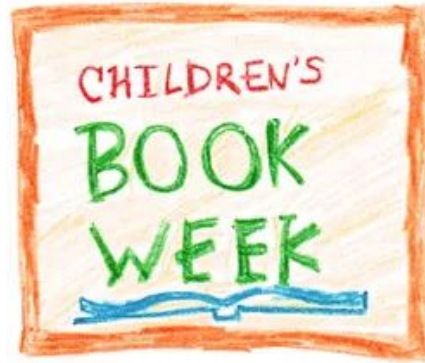
Pray - spend more time in reflection, meditation or talking to Jesus.

Almsgiving - giving to those who have less than we do. This could be donating some old toys, giving your time to someone or raising money for something that's important to you.



It was lovely to meet informally with some of you today. I will offer this again Friday 26th February at 1:30pm and share the link via email.

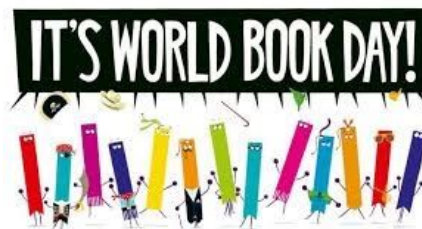
Please watch out for it if you would like to join us.



This year, **Book Week** is from **1st - 5th March** and your teachers are busy planning some book activities and workshops for that week. I know that some of you like to dress up as a character from a book and, although we will still be in Lockdown, **we thought you might wish to dress up for the google meet, or for school, on Friday 5th March.**

There is absolutely no pressure as we know that shops aren't open and some mums and dads are very busy. However, if you have a character's costume (e.g. a Disney character, sport character etc.) it would be great to see it. You may even want to use a couple of Friday non-screen afternoons to be imaginative and create your own (many a bin bag has become a witch's cloak).

Have a think and see what you can make!



A special mention to Patrick in Year 4 this week for his wonderful manners and cheerful nature at lunchtimes! Mrs McManus wanted to say well done!



Mrs G Burns
SENCO

As you know, our wonderful Mrs Burns is leaving us today to start a new and exciting venture with the NHS. We have said goodbye in a Google Meet assembly, but Mrs Burns wanted to say goodbye to you all in her own words:

Dear Keyham,

I just wanted to say how very lucky I feel to have worked with you all over the past (I think) 7 years. Keyham has felt like my second home and it has been a privilege working with you all. Children, parents, colleagues and church community, you are all so special and Keyham is my very favourite school I have ever worked. Also, I just wanted to say thank you for your kind wishes and thoughts when I was poorly last year - you all helped get me through.

I am leaving Keyham a new trophy called The Spirit Of Keyham Barton. It is my gift to you all to celebrate the spirit, heart, energy and uniqueness that is Keyham.

Very best wishes to you all in the future,

Lots of love, Mrs Burns xxx

Saying Mrs Burns will be missed in our school community is a huge understatement. We wish her well and every happiness and success in her new venture and ask God to bless her in all she does.

Have a lovely half term and we will welcome back the children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable children on Tuesday 23rd February.

Stay safe!

Rachael Riley
(Headteacher)

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