

Hi everyone

I just wanted to email you before half term to wish you all a happy holiday. I also wanted to say how brilliantly your children have coped this half term, returning after lockdown. They seem so happy to be back in school and are making up for lost time with great gusto! However, they are now all ready for a holiday so I hope you will give yourselves plenty of time to slow down and 'smell the roses' or maybe that should be 'smell the conkers'! I would also like to thank our wonderful staff at school - every single one of them - for everything they have done to keep the school as clean as possible and to ensure that there is a sense of normality in these unusual times. I am so proud of them all.

I would like to share the following news/information before the half term:

- After half term our weekly blogs will be returning to years 1 and 2. The blogs give a brief outline of the work that your child has done each week - we aware that they aren't always that forthcoming about how they spend their days in school! I didn't want to give our staff too much work to do at the start of the year but now we are up and running they are happy to provide these. They will come out on a Friday by email and will also be on the website.
- After half term we would like to begin welcoming back a few parents to support with reading in school. This has been a big decision for us and we will need to put very strict measures in place. If you would like to do this please call school and we will talk you through these measures.
- A reminder that school is closed on Monday 2nd November for staff training. School will re-open on Tuesday 3rd November.
- Mrs Barty is busy planning an 'alternative' nativity for this year. We will find a way to deliver this to you virtually - more information later.

I do also need to ask you to let us know if anyone in your family has a positive test result over half term. Clearly we hope this won't happen but there are implications for us here at school if it is one of our pupils and so we have to be able to ensure we are following procedures carefully. Therefore could I ask you to email the school admin office: adminoffice@croftonhammond-inf.hants.sch.uk to inform us, as this email address will be regularly monitored.

Hampshire County Council has also asked us to share the following important public health message with you all: *'Coronavirus infections are continuing to rise, and Hampshire is on 'Medium' COVID alert level. We need your help to stop the spread of the virus, so please continue to follow national public health guidance this half term. Remember 'hands, face, space' and the 'Rule of 6' which means no large gatherings indoors or outdoors. Let's all work together to Keep Hampshire Safe.'*

With best wishes

Jacky