

Weekly Word

12.2.2021

To all Parents/Carers,

And so ends the first half term of 2021! It's not what we expected but it's what we had put in front of us and I think we all deserve a big pat on the back for getting through it. It seems like ages ago when we were planning for a full reopening after Christmas. Hopefully we can start planning for this again very soon. The Government has assured us that we will get two full weeks' notice whatever they decide – which is a vast improvement on the 24 hours we have had up to now! The 22nd February is in all of our diaries to see what this routemap looks like. If I hear anything before that point I will let you know.

A few things to update you on before half term:

Parent/Carer meetings about your child(ren)

These would normally take place the second week back after half term but with everything that is going on it seems sensible to move these meetings to week beginning the 22nd March. Once we have confirmed this you will be able to book your appointment online the normal way.

Foodbank 3.0

Thanks for all your kind donations on Wednesday. The generosity of the Markeaton Community never ceases to amaze me!

Paul (see right) from St Alkmund's came to collect yesterday and he said it will make such a difference to local families who need that support. Thank you again.



New Forest School Area (see right):

Our Forest School Area, thanks to our local Grounds Team, now has a new seating arrangement crafted entirely from reclaimed timber. It looks amazing and will provide a nice chill out area for when the children are back in school.



Residential:

Apparently the Government will soon be reviewing whether residential can take place in the Summer Term. This would only affect our current Y6 cohort but after half term we may send out a short questionnaire asking whether you would be happy for your child(ren) to go. More to come on this.

And finally, it's another thank you. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement and thank you for everything that you are doing as a family and a community to ensure we get through this. Let's hope 22nd Feb brings good news...

Have a nice half term,

Mr I. Johnson