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Possible Re-opening of Schools

I'm sure that many of you will have been following the news and have picked up on the statement regarding school closures, but for those of you who may not have had the chance to see it yet, we wanted to make sure everyone was as up to date as possible.

It has been rare, since the start of the pandemic, that schools have been provided with much clarity or advance notice, but we are pleased that we now have at least some certainty about what will be happening in the coming weeks (although we are, of course, disappointed that we won't have everyone back in school for a little while yet). The key announcements in parliament are as follows:

- The **earliest** schools might 'begin to re-open' will be Monday 8th March, which is the start of the third school week after the half-term holiday;
- There will be a plan/review set out on Monday 22nd February (the first day after the half-term holiday), with further updates;
- When the decision to return has been made, schools will get two weeks' notice of this.

Sadly, this means that we have at least four more school weeks of home-learning under the current arrangements. I know that this will be disappointing for many families and the children, but I hope that it provides some hope that there might be an end in sight, at least in terms of getting the children back into school.

We also received a clarification from the Department for Education (DfE) yesterday that schools would not be asked to open over half-term for children of critical workers. I don't think anyone was particularly expecting there to be an offer, but I thought it was worth sharing in case anyone had been wondering.

I will of course update you when we know more.

Mrs Day

Term 3

Week 5

Monday 01st February
Sharks Class Forest School

Tuesday 02nd February

Wed 03rd February

Thursday 04 February

Friday 05 February

Week 6

Monday 8th February

Tuesday 9th February

Wed 10th February

Thursday 11th February

Friday 12th February

Half Term
15—19 February

QUESTIONNAIRE



Your Views

Whilst there is a small light at the end of the tunnel for partial school closures, nothing is ever certain so it is important that we plan for all eventualities. With that in mind, we wish to canvass your views on our Remote Learning offer.

We will shortly be asking both you as parents AND the children at home a few questions about what works and what doesn't work in terms of remote learning.

Please can I ask that you complete the questionnaires when sent, as it will help us develop our offer.

I know we will never be able to meet everyone's expectations but we will try our hardest to make it as effective as possible for our school community.

Wellbeing Wednesday

We will be introducing wellbeing Wednesday next week, giving pupils a day where they are not expected to be on a screen. Class Teachers will be providing a range of activities children can choose to complete, many independently. We hope this will allow children the opportunity to close the laptop and take a well earned break from technology!



Birthdays the Week

Happy Birthday to:
Raang Saang,
Destan, Chloe & Ella

We hope you all have
wonderful days.





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Remote Learners of the Week

In recognition of some fantastic work and effort in the most challenging of times...



YR: Stanley
Y1: Ingsum
Y2: Suvan
Y3: Rickzin
Y4: Kaemon
Y5: Jensen
Y6: Jacob

Well done to you all!
Amazing efforts.

Thank You

I just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to you all for supporting your children in the most challenging of times. I know it's tough to try and juggle things, I know some children will be pushing boundaries and others will be struggling to manage the wide variety of emotions they are feeling too. All any of us can do is try our best and keep our children safe. You are all doing an amazing job! Thank you.



Booking for School Places

If you are a **critical worker** and have **no alternative** childcare provision while you are at work, please email the school office on admin@guston.kent.sch.uk to book a place for the week commencing Monday, 08.02. 21 by Wednesday (3rd) at 5pm.

Requests must include evidence of Critical Worker status from your employer, the days you require and any order for hot meals.

Thank you.

Well Done Sharks



Mr Wells has told me yesterday that Dex, Charlie, Oliver T and Jacob got together on Zoom outside of school to do their Maths work together. I'm so impressed with their initiative, maturity and work ethic. Well done boys. I'm very proud of you.

Mrs Day



House Points

1st - Redoubt with 264
2nd - Connaught with 236
3rd - Kearsney with 208
4th - Burgoyne with 170

Well Done Redoubt!

Kahoot Quiz Time

Mr Wells arranged an online Pixar quiz with all the children in school and the Sharks home learners during their zoom slot. This was enjoyed by all and will become a regular slot.

Well done to all the quizzers.

