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Dear Parents and Carers

Hello all!

Half term is here! It is the ideal time for children to relax and recharge their batteries. This is the same for parents/carers who have been supporting home learning as well. It has been a half term like no other!

Covid Positive Test Notification

During half term, if any member of the household tests positive, please let me know on head@fbacademy.co.uk. Please include the date of the test.

University of Chichester Multi-Academy Trust Sumdog contest.

Year 5 and 6 entered the Sumdog Contest. Four of our classes made the Top 4 places which was a great achievement. The Top 4 were as follows....

1st - 5T

2nd - 5B

3rd - 6C

4th - 6B

We also held the top three spots for children too. These were....

1st - Kevin Year 6

2nd - Mustafa Year 5

3rd - Tillie Year 6

Well done to all the children who took part. You represented Flying Bull extremely well! We are very proud of you and your achievements.

Children's Mental Health Week

Last week we gave particular attention to Children's Mental Health Week across the school. However, we are aware that this is also an incredibly difficult time for many parents and carers too, so here are a few links to tips and support services that can be accessed during this time.

A few top tips for parents and carers from a psychologist:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrmhscw>

Details of helpful organisations, public services, government guidance and other types of support available during the coronavirus pandemic:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-useful-contacts/>

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And of course, here at Flying Bull, although we are not mental health specialists, we are here to support our families as best we can and can point you in the direction of further support if needed.

Be kind, to those around you, but also to yourself.

Remote Learning/Phone calls

It is disappointing that there are still some parent/carers who are not responding to calls. We are now having to pass those names on to Portsmouth City Council. After the half term break, the phone calls and remote learning will start again. Parents/carers must be answering the calls and they must ensure their children are completing their online learning which will be available on Seesaw (Year 1-6) and Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) from Monday 22nd February 2021.

We will also be sending a text with a link to a short questionnaire about our remote learning offer. We would really appreciate you taking the time to respond.

Letter from the CEO Mrs Sue Samson

As well as this newsletter, I will be sending you a letter from Mrs Samson. Please take time to read it.

That's all for this week! Have a great half term.

As usual if you have any questions or any more positive comments, please contact me on head@fbacademy.co.uk

Kind regards

Mr D. P. Hewett-Dale,
Headteacher