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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Valentine's Day Assembly**

I apologise if I have caused some disquiet amongst parents when I announced in a recorded assembly that Valentine's Day was Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February. It is of course Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February. That is the problem with recordings – mistakes cannot be forgotten! At least I know children are watching the assembly!

### **Parent Survey**

Thank you to everyone who has completed the governor survey about home learning. If you have not had time to yet, there is still time to let us know your views. The link is below, or can be accessed via our website, along with the pupil survey for Badgers and Owls.

<https://tinyurl.com/WSPParentCarerSurvey>

<https://tinyurl.com/WSPupilSurvey>

We will let you know the outcomes, once all the results have been analysed

### **Support for children learning at home**

We are so proud of the fantastic learning all the children at home are doing and I know how much they are enjoying the zoom catch up with their friends in class each week. The success of these, means we are not making so many phone calls and we therefore have the capacity to introduce some additional support for children who are not in school.

After half term, teachers will have an extra morning out of class when they will work 1:1, or in a small group, with some of the children who were having additional support in Terms 1 and 2. Mrs Ferguson is already supporting some children in this way. In addition, all teachers, from Year One upwards, will be arranging at least one zoom session each week, when any child who is not in school or having an additional support session, can 'drop in' to have some 1:1 help about any aspect of their learning they may be struggling with. Class teachers will be in touch with further information about this and will contact parents of any children who will be offered additional support work.



## RSPB Birdwatch

Thank you to everyone who responded to Mr Pickup's challenge to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch last week. Charlie Hunter has created a detailed report of the school's results, with some additional fact files about different birds. Thank you, Charlie, and well done! His report and other pictures from the birdwatch can be seen on our website under the Seasonal Events tab.

## Specsavers Virtual Winter Games

Well done to all the children taking part in the Specsavers Virtual Winter Games. After the first week Wivelsfield Primary School was 21<sup>st</sup> out of 273 primary schools. Keep going everyone, it would be fantastic to get in the top 10! Thank you to Mrs Sinclair for organising this event.

## Police Letter

Accompanying this letter is a letter from Sussex Police talking about lockdown and the impact on young people. At the end of the letter are some links that you may find useful around, amongst other things, mental health, keeping active in lockdown and online safety.

## Test and Trace

Further to the email Mrs Milton sent earlier, just a reminder that the school remains responsible for contact tracing throughout the half term, so please let us know should your child have a positive test for corona virus: office@wivelsfield.e-sussex.sch.uk. Thank you.

## INSET Days

Following the postponement of the INSET day on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, I can confirm our final two days of the year:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

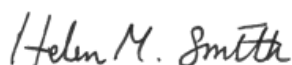
A huge thank you for all your support this term, and especially to those of you managing home learning with your children. We are immensely proud of how the children are coping with learning at home; please share with them the certificate accompanying this letter. Please also remember to get in touch if you have any concerns or questions: despite your child not being here in person, we are always available to help.

At the moment we have no idea when schools will fully reopen. We will let you know as soon as we have any information.

Enjoy this half term break as best you can and we look forward to working with you all in Term 4, whatever that might look like.

Keep safe and well.

With every good wish,



Helen Smith  
Headteacher

