

OAW End of Half Term Newsletter

February 11th 2021

Please see below the details from the end-of-half-term assembly the children watched today with a summary of the half term and some updates for the next one!

Highlights of the half-term

- Our Horizons Project – So exciting to see the iPads go out and nearly all children now in morning check ins!
- Live Check in Sessions with your teachers- lovely to be together!
- Amazing work completed – so many children completing all their work so brilliantly!
- Awards and Prizes – Praise and Friday certificate have been a hit – check the 'General' channel.
- Nearly everyone completing all their work is really impressive- we're aiming for 100% next term!

How things are different

- We don't see as many people.
- We can't go to as many places.
- It's cold!
- Our grown-ups might be feeling fed up too.
- We need to be our very best versions of ourselves.
- We also need to talk if we are finding things hard!

What we think will happen next half term

- From March 8th, some year groups may come back to the academy.
- Online learning will end for those year groups, as teachers will be teaching in school.
- We will come back to school with all the things we were doing before to keep us safe (bubbles, handwashing, doors open).
- The Government will announce details of this on 22nd February and we will write to you after this with our dates and arrangements, so you know exactly what is happening as soon as possible.

Ideas for half term

- Relax! Read! Have some fun!
- There is an attachment with this letter of some fun ideas to try out if you wish.
- Parents and children need a break from 'home-school' so enjoy yourselves- you have done a brilliant job!

Other Updates

- A huge thank you to Miss Townsend who has her final day at the academy today after 6 ½ years. The children have had a message from her in their assembly today and we want to thank her once more for being a brilliant leader, outstanding teacher and valued colleague.
- Goodbye from me! My final day in the academy as Principal will be Friday 26th February before handing over to the new team. I will be writing to you all in the week after half term to say goodbye properly.
- Mrs Owen takes over as Principal from Marc 1st! She will be writing to you all after half term with updates to the leadership team and a welcome to the next stage of the journey at our amazing academy in our fantastic community.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support. It really means a lot at the moment. Stay safe next week.

Yours sincerely,

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