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Dear Parents

I do hope you all had an enjoyable half term break and maybe managed to achieve some of the things that will again be restricted to us as of tomorrow. It seems that normality is still some time away and whilst cases of COVID are on the rise locally, safety for all is our number one priority. To this end could we please request that all adults wear a face covering / mask whilst on the school site (ie within the school gates). Also, could we now ask Reception parents to say goodbye to their children at the bottom of the ramp in the mornings as social distancing within the classroom is impossible.

Unfortunately the new restrictions have resulted in Class 1 not being able to have their swimming lessons this half term and our volunteer teacher, Tom Fox, to remain in his primary place of employment, St Petrocs. Lego Robotics for Class 1 and 2 will still go ahead as we are the only school the company are visiting and each class will have their own set of equipment.

As this half term progresses, as well as teaching and learning, one of our primary focuses is the social and emotional health of the children and indeed ourselves. PE, outdoor learning and creative opportunities will all play their part as well as class / group discussions on relevant topics.

As we draw closer to Christmas, staff will be planning a range of festive activities and although the traditional performances cannot take place, there are some alternative forms of celebration being planned that can be shared with you through the medium of technology. Christmas Lunch and Christmas parties (within bubbles) will most certainly go ahead!

As always, any queries please do get in touch.

Kind regards

Helen Ward