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Dear Families

Here we are at half term. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone – children, families, staff – for such wonderful efforts and all the juggling that has gone on over these six weeks. It is a time that we weren't expecting, but the way that our community has risen to the challenge again is truly remarkable. All the staff here would like to wish all of you a peaceful and very well-deserved half term holiday, and we look forward to starting learning again on Monday 22nd February. That is also the day that we are expecting an announcement from the Government about their plans for wider school re-opening, and we will let you know our next steps as soon as possible after that.

World Book Day

This year, to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 4th March, we are asking everyone to turn a raw potato (not peeled) into a book character! If you would like to get involved, we would love to see photos of your creations posted in your eclassrooms, or emailed into hello@mounthawke.org. Our teachers are also planning other activities for the week, such as story telling, 'The Masked Reader' and other surprises. Here are some potato ideas...



Fund Raising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Mount Hawke Academy - Mount Hawke with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,500 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today. Click on the image to register. Thank you.



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday saw the annual Safer Internet Day with this year's theme of '*An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world*'. Mr Hill led an assembly for all Key Stage Two children across Aspire and helped us think about how we can stay safe online. The children have also completed activities to reinforce internet safety. We will continue to teach our children these messages throughout the year.

Half Term

Please remember that if you have been in school up to and including Thursday 11th February and test positive for Covid-19 over the first weekend, please contact Aspire as usual following the details below.

What to do if a COVID test comes back positive?

If the test comes back positive during school hours, please phone us straight away.

If the test comes back positive out of school hours, please access the form below

<http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus>

All of us here at school would like to wish you a very happy and safe half term.

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A message from Cornwall Council

The number of infections is reducing in Cornwall because we have seen our residents respecting the social restrictions in place during the third lockdown. Thanks to this, we have slowed the spread of the virus through our communities, and for that we are thankful.

However, as the surge in cases in late December and January showed, if Cornwall lets our guard down infection rates can spiral quickly, and we could soon find ourselves back where we started.

Therefore, we are asking all residents, especially parents and carers to continue to respect the lockdown rules, especially during half term. We know this is a challenge, especially for those parents and carers who are home schooling and we understand the temptation to relax while the pressure of teaching is not there for a week.

However, we have done so well since January and we simply can't afford to throw all of that hard work away. We are asking those who are on a half term break to avoid travelling distances in the car and "explore from your door" instead.

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