

4th February 2022

Dear parents and carers

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' **Romans 15:13**

We remain incredibly thankful for your positivity, messages of thanks and support and your continuing hopeful prayers. This has been a very challenging half term for many in our school community. High numbers of children testing positive and needing to learn remotely as well as significant challenges in school with implementing and reviewing measures to reduce the spread of infection and provide stability when covering staff absence. We know that this has been challenging for families at home as well as children and staff in school. It is at times like these when positivity and unity of our school community really shines through.

We remain hopeful that in the coming weeks our challenges will lessen as we move into the second half of the spring term. With this in mind, we have made the decision to postpone our **Parent Consultation meetings** by 2 weeks. These will now take place on **Monday 7th March 2022** and **Tuesday 8th March 2022**. Further details and booking information will follow in due course.

This week has provided so many wonderful learning and personal development opportunities which have supported our children to flourish in mind, body and spirit.

This week has been **National Story-Telling week**. Each class has shared a whole school story time each day. We have also had a daily **Library Grand Re-opening** for each of our classes to visit the library and borrow a book of their choice. Our library is looking amazing and is now a wonderful resource for our children to use. We are very thankful to our wonderful parent helpers and staff who have worked so hard to make this dream a reality.

We wish all families who have celebrated **Chinese New Year** this week luck and courage for the Year of the Tiger. Our whole school celebrated Chinese New Year this week. The children enjoyed a special lunch and loved joining in with a dragon dance and with Chinese writing workshops. Thank you to Mr Bo for visiting school to help us with our learning.

Our Year 1 children have loved planning, preparing and leading their **Candlemas Service**. This will be available on our website at the beginning of next week. We are sure that you will all be as proud of the courage and joy shown by the children in this wonderful celebration of the hope of Candlemas.

We are looking forwards to celebrating **Safer Internet Day** on **8th February 2022**. We are planning something very special this year. The children will be working on activities to support their learning about how to keep themselves safer online. They will then create short videos as a class which will be put together to create a whole school video which we will share on our website to share what we have learned so that others can learn from us. We will also be welcoming our Safeguarding Governor into school to share in our learning.

We hope that you are enjoying our new website. Each class is posting class updates each week so please make sure that you visit the website regularly to see what the children have been learning in school.

We hope you all have relaxing and joyful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

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