



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have reached the end of a half-term that has been disruptive in many ways, and has changed so many of our plans, but at the same time it has been very positive and productive. The engagement in home-learning has been phenomenal, through Class Dojo for the more formal learning and through the weekly Zoom sessions which allow some social interaction to continue. We have been so pleased to support all families who have required school places, and we have had 38% of our pupils in school in recent weeks. We're very grateful to parents for being so eager to keep in touch with class teachers and upload work to Class Dojo portfolios, and also for being very understanding and patient as teachers juggle teaching in school every day with managing remote teaching. This is much appreciated. I'm sure that everyone is now ready for a half-term break, and I hope you all manage to enjoy some time away from working and have a good rest. For some enjoyable activities to try together as a family, there is the valentine baking competition detailed below, as well as the Shrove Tuesday and Lent competition to join in with next week. There is a family activity for Lent (40 Days of Generosity) shared on the Class Dojo school story. On the first Monday of next half term (22<sup>nd</sup> February) we have the Screen-Free Day to look forward to. We will have a learning day that involves no technology at all. We will just share a poster of learning options on Class Dojo ahead of the day. There will be no requirement to submit work to Class Dojo on that day, but you are welcome to send photographs to me of any work completed (head@heath.shropshire.sch.uk), and I will put together a collection of these to share on Facebook.

*Mrs Deborah Sadler*  
**Headteacher**



**REMINDERS & NOTICES**

**Ears4Peers, and for Parents**

Here in school, we have Miss Vigon who provides 'Ears for Peers' support for staff. This is just someone to listen, and talk through worries with, when things get challenging. She would like to open up this offer to parents who may like this informal support over the coming weeks. If you would like to access this, please contact me at school and I can put you in touch with Miss Vigon. Likewise, you can request this support when you receive your weekly phone call from a member of staff to 'check in' and see how things are going.

**Competition time!**

Well done to Arthur, Eliza W and Ethan who won last week's outdoor art competition! This week's competition is the Valentine baking challenge – if you still have results to send in, please do (by Sunday evening). The next competition is based on **Shrove Tuesday and Lent**. In the worship section below, there are details of a pancake-flipping contest, and a competition to complete presentations based on Lent (in any format – video/PowerPoint/poster, etc). Children can research what Lent is all about, and share their knowledge!

Please email entries to: [head@heath.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@heath.shropshire.sch.uk) by the **end of Sunday 21st February**. Our entries will be shared on Facebook and the winners will receive a small prize!

**Screen-Free Day!**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Next half term begins on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, with remote learning continuing for the majority of children. To ensure that children experience learning in a variety of ways, and have the opportunity to develop different skills and focus on their well-being as well as their knowledge, we are having a screen-free learning day on this first day back (for children in school and at home). There will be a one-page poster shared on Class Dojo, outlining the children's learning options for the day.

**WORSHIP**



In worship this week, we have been focusing on Shrove Tuesday and Lent, as Shrove Tuesday is during half term and then Lent begins. **The weekly competition focus for half term is based on this very important part of the Christian calendar.** I would love to see videos of children challenging themselves to see how many pancake flips they can do in a minute! I would also like to receive posters/videos/PowerPoint presentations or leaflets which show me everything your child knows about Lent. There will be prizes for the winner of the pancake flipping contest, and for the best Lent presentation.

**CELEBRATION!**



**Happy Birthday to:**

Franky and Mr Davies (TA) who celebrate their birthdays during half term!



**AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to this week's **Headteacher Award winners**, who are:

- Hummingbirds:** All nursery children
- Robin Class:** Enid, Alfie, Tate and Connor
- Skylark Class:** Poppy P, Georgia, Dorothy, Bella and William

**Kingfisher Class:** Gracie-May, Eve, Gabrielle and Mia S

**Owl Class:** Danielle, Charlie, Guy and Isaac

**News:**

[Click here](#) to view what our children have been up to recently.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

**Change to PD day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** This PD is postponed and this first day back after the half term break will now be a normal school day. This will be a day operating as we currently are, or may change depending on the government advice, but it will NOT be a PD day.

