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Dear parent/carer,

As the half term comes to an end, we must reflect on the last six weeks and celebrate the successes of the half term. From what started off as a baptism of fire, our remote learning offer has evolved over time to hopefully support parents in home schooling whilst also continuing with a quality school curriculum. We seriously could not have achieved what we have without your unwavering support.

We would very much like to thank you for the positive feedback we have received which has recognised the hard work that has gone into the formulation of our remote learning offer. We are also extremely grateful for the constructive feedback which has helped us to reflect, revise and refine our remote learning provision. We hope that you feel that the feedback you provide is listened to and valued.

With this in mind, we are keen to obtain a more up-to-date picture of parental views on the remote learning offer we currently have in place. The aim of this is to make any tweaks needed should children not return on 8th March as planned. At this point, we have not heard anything about extending the length of time for home schooling but want to take the opportunity to be prepared should we be asked to continue working remotely. Please could we ask that you complete the parental survey for the class your child is in?

Reception	https://forms.gle/anTJGSNx8DaC5zaF7
Year 1	https://forms.gle/7TnWS5VGq1gw9adF7
Year 2	https://forms.gle/mseLAh6Ltt8D6c8B8
Year 3	https://forms.gle/eLTBid86byz1L7to6
Year 4	https://forms.gle/CRUcz6DP6B7xG8oTA
Year 5	https://forms.gle/2eoKuczTuRxjqhGA9
Year 6	https://forms.gle/XDpReQS4rDKcXAHf6

These links will also be posted on the stream on Google Classroom if you would prefer to access it that way.



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Internet connection

Over the last few days we have been experiencing some internet issues in school which has impacted on the provision of live streaming sessions. We have also had some parents contact us to state that they are having difficulties too. We are aware of work being carried out in the local area which could be impacting on this but would like to apologise if there are any issues which impact on tomorrow's learning. Hopefully, it will be business as usual when we return to school.

Just to make you aware, last year we engaged in an initiative with the Department of Education which secured us with a £11,336 grant to install fibre optic broadband in school. Hopefully, this will have a positive impact long term on our internet capacity.

Free School Meals

For those children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and are not currently attending school, you will continue to receive the vouchers until Friday 5th March. We have been informed by the Department for Education that vouchers will not be provided over the half term holiday as this is covered by the COVID Winter Grant.

Safe Internet Day

As you are aware from the work posted on Tuesday, this week we raised awareness of the need to be safe when using the internet, particularly in the current climate where children are required to be online more often.

It has come to our attention that some children are engaging with TikTok and this is concerning us. As part of our curriculum, we teach the children about the risks of engaging with social media, but TikTok in particular is an app which has unsavoury content which is not suitable for children of primary age hence the age limit of 13 years. We urge you to check your child's usage of social media to keep them safe.

World Book Day (Thursday 4th March)

As a school we very much like to promote a love of reading and therefore we never limit ourselves to one day to celebrate World Book Day – we take the full week. We are busy finalising the activities for the children which will focus on engaging with different texts, authors and illustrators and most of all having fun! We will provide you with further details on our return to school after half term.

The children will not be required to dress up as a character for World Book Day so there is no need to go out and purchase a costume (buy a book instead) but we will be snuggling down in the comfort of our pyjamas on Thursday 4th March. We can't wait!

Returning on 8th March

As mentioned earlier, the current intention is that schools will be open to more pupils on 8th March. As yet, we have not received guidance on how this looks but as soon as we are made aware, we will inform you of the details surrounding the reintegration of the children currently working at home.



We are so very proud of our Newchurch Family, and in particular our Newchurch Robins. Once again, we have seen the core values of Resilience, Respectful, Resourcefulness, Responsibility, Reciprocity and Reflectiveness being demonstrated on a daily basis by the children, staff and parents. We know it has been hard, we know everyone is tired but we can categorically say that both the staff and parents are working as a team to do the very best for our children. Go team Newchurch!

Have a lovely half term, take care and keep safe.

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher



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