

12th February 2021

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## A WORD FROM MRS CALLAGHAN...

We have come to the end of what has clearly been an unusual and interesting half term! I'm sure you are all ready for a break from the joys of remote education! As children and families you have all worked incredibly hard and we are very grateful for your efforts in what we know are challenging circumstances.

We expect the current remote learning requirements to be in place until at least the 8th of March, the date put forward by the government as the earliest possible for school reopening. I hope to have more information on the situation on 22nd February (if government guidance is released) and will let you know our plans and arrangements as soon as possible after that. In the media there has been a lot of discussion regarding 'loss of learning' and, as a school, we have been and continue to be determined to keep the learning moving forward as much as possible.

In order to provide more support for our remote education, we have purchased a number of learning Workbooks for the children to use at home. Teachers will state on the daily learning schedules which books will be used and which pages they would like children to complete. This should make it easier for everyone as it will mean less need for printing etc.

These will be available to **collect from school from Monday 22nd February** - you can contact school to arrange an individual collection time or alternatively the books can be collected at our **next Book Swap on Tuesday 23rd February** (see details below for times). The Workbooks will be used by teachers from Wednesday, so please make sure you have collected your child's books before then. These Workbooks will then need to be returned to school when school reopens fully so please keep them safe and only use them as directed by the teachers.

We will continue to put 'foundation' subject lessons and activities on Class Dojo. Thank you to everyone who has logged in to their Dojo accounts - we have had lots of great work uploaded so far and it is very useful for teachers as it helps us to keep an overview of children's work in their Portfolios.

I hope that you have also all been able to access your Collins e-Library account and are finding it helpful. If you are having any problems, please let myself or the class teachers know. After half-term we would like children to use their e-books when doing their Zoom reading sessions with Mrs D'Arcy, Mrs Jacques and Miss Batty.

You will hopefully have received today an email containing your Zoom reading links for the first two weeks of the next half term.

## PLANNED DIARY DATES (Events may be subject to change due to Covid 19)

### FEBRUARY

**Mon 15th-Fri 19th** - Half Term

**Mon 22nd** - Term starts

### MARCH

**Mon 29th-Fri 9th April** - Easter Break

### APRIL

**Monday 12th** Staff training day

**Tuesday 13th** Term starts

**Weds 14th-Fri 16th** - Peat Rigg

Residential: Oak Trees class (Years 3-6)

**Weds 21st** - Interschool football tournament

## COVID Reminder

As the COVID-19 situation continues, a reminder that staff, children or parents experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) must not come to school, should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

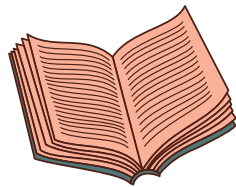
We can still provide a test if you have difficulty accessing one. In the event of one member of a household experiencing symptoms or testing positive, the whole household would need to self-isolate. During this time, we ask that you **continue to notify school of suspected symptoms and/ or positive tests for COVID** even whilst children are learning remotely, as we are required to report on this daily to the Department for Education.

The next half term and our remote learning will resume on **Monday 22nd February**. School will also reopen for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children on that date.

In the meantime, have a lovely, well-earned half-term holiday!

As always, my very best wishes

Mrs Louise Callaghan (Acting Headteacher)



## BOOK-SWAP & WORKBOOK-COLLECTION INFORMATION



Reading books can be returned and collected from school on Tuesday 2nd February at the following times (to allow for social distancing):

Families with surname beginning A-G: 1pm-1.30pm

Families with surname beginning H-M and T-Z: 1.30pm-2pm

Families with surname beginning N-S: 2pm-2.30pm

Books being returned will be quarantined for 72 hours.

You can also collect the new Workbooks for children and any other physical learning resources you may need.

The Ampleforth College logo, a large red letter 'A' above the text 'AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE', is centered over a scenic landscape of rolling green hills and trees. Below the landscape is a red banner with white text.

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As we approach the end of this school term, can we politely remind parents and guardians to make payments towards any outstanding balances on their ParentPay accounts...

If you have any queries, please contact the school office by emailing:  
[admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Thank you in advance.