

# Weekly News



What a half term! Certainly wasn't what I was expecting when I started the job only a few months ago. But we are getting through it, as a community. The stream of updates we are getting about what your children are doing during this time of school closure is wonderful.

Hopefully you have found the information shared this week about the proposal for partial re-opening useful. I hope that it has also put your mind at rest about what the 'new normal' will be for the next phase of this pandemic. Here is a clip that might help explain social distancing to children. You might like to share it with them in preparation for the lifting of lockdown restrictions. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZvtoVrykb8>

We will shortly be uploading a video for the children, like an assembly, to both school websites. This will help to explain what to expect if coming back into school on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Again, I hope that this helps to reduce any anxieties about returning to school.

Both schools are closed over the half term break. I'm sure you understand that all staff need to pause for breath before we go again next half term. We will also be preparing both sites for the event that we open to children on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. We will be checking emails but it might take us slightly longer to get back to you than normal.

Well done for all your hard work on Google Classrooms this half term – you deserve a break too. Make sure that you try to make the most of the half term, but most of all - **stay safe**.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to bring a sunhat/cap and refillable water bottle when you return to school.

## Bereavement

Unfortunately, some of us have lost family or friends during this pandemic, this will be incredibly sad and difficult to deal with. The teams at both schools have always provided support when families have suffered a bereavement and want to continue to do so during the lockdown. Below are some really useful sites to help parents/carers support their children and themselves in the event of losing a loved one.

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/supporting-bereaved-children-and-young-people>

<https://www.winstonswish.org>

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/death.html>

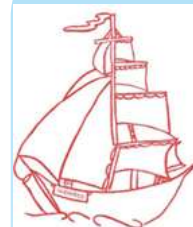
### Thank a Teacher

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May was National Thank a Teacher day. I would like to say a massive thank you to all teachers, TAs, office staff and care takers for everything they do. If you would like to thank a teacher, you might like to visit this website:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk>

## Our video messages

The video from staff to children and indeed the reply videos have been noticed by the local media. The videos have been shared so keep your eyes peeled for that!



### Awards

Reception - Samuel D (W) - Pride

Year 1 - Oakley (O) - Pride

Year 2 - George (O) - Passion

Year 3 - Harry Gregg (W) - Passion

Year 4 - Jess V (W) - Passion

Year 5 - Zach B (W) - Pride

Year 6 - Grace (W) - Progress

### Dates

25<sup>th</sup> May Bank holiday – WITNESHAM will be closed

25<sup>th</sup> May Half Term Week – no Google Classroom, WITNESHAM CLOSED

30<sup>th</sup> June New intake parents information evening

9<sup>th</sup> July New intake stay and play morning

9<sup>th</sup> July Reports sent home

10<sup>th</sup> July Move up day



**PASSION + PRIDE = PROGRESS**