



Wortham Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As half term approaches, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their support during the last half term. We fully appreciate how challenging it has been for everyone, and we thank you for the support you have given, whether it be supporting your child at home to access their learning or at dropping and collecting your child safely at school. We have received many kind messages and yummy goodies to keep us going at school; these have been greatly appreciated by all the staff – thank you.

Please see below notices and information that you may find useful.

Arrival & Collection times

We would like to thank you for your continued support in keeping everyone safe when arriving and collecting your child/children off at school. Please see below a reminder of our timings for your information.

Years	Gate	Drop off	Collection
R & 1	Bumblebee	8.50 – 9am	3.10 – 3.15pm
2 & 3	Office	8.50 – 9am	3.10 – 3.15pm
4, 5 & 6	Main	8.50 – 9am	3.10 – 3.15pm

Full School Return

At this moment in time, we are expecting all children to return to school **no earlier** than Monday 8th March. We expect the government to make a decision on this on Monday 22nd February and will write to you nearer the time to confirm and share our plans on how this will be organised as safely as possible.

An Afternoon with Michael Morpurgo

The children are all very much looking forward to our special event this afternoon, where we will be joining many other schools to listen to Michael Morpurgo talk about his books, read an extract from his latest book and to answers questions. Children who are learning from home can still attend this event, Mrs Paine has sent an email with all the details you'll need to log on and join in.

World Book Day

It is World Book Day on **Thursday 4th March** and to celebrate, we are organising a 'Masked Reader' activity! Staff and children will be invited to decorate a mask and then wearing their masked disguise, read a page from their favourite book. The children will then be able to guess who the masked reader is. We are very excited about this event, which will be accessible to children learning remotely and our children in school. Further information about this event will be sent to you in due course.

Reporting and Assessment

The DfE (Department for Education) has released information about the assessments for Primary school children this academic year. The statutory assessments in Key Stage 1 and 2 have been cancelled due to

school closures this year. This also includes the Phonics Screening Check. Teachers will continue to use their ongoing, internal, teacher assessment and end of term assessments with the children.

We were due to provide full, written school reports to inform parents of their children's progress and attainment at the end of this term. Unfortunately, due to the recent school closures these have been delayed and will now be written in the summer term. Should you have any questions about your child's progress then please do contact their class teacher.

Finally, we would like to wish all our Wortham Primary school community a lovely half term break and we look forward to returning to our learning, at home or in school, on **Monday 22nd February**.

Best Wishes,

Hayley Clarke
Head of School

Michelle Erith
Head of school