



Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope that you and your families are well.

I would like to begin this week's newsletter by paying tribute to all our pupils, parents and carers, and all of the staff who make up our school community for the resilience you have all shown since Christmas. Staff have once again been heartened by the support and kind words that we have received from so many of you.

Reporting Coronavirus to school during half term

If your child has attended school during lockdown then you must, in the event of a positive case of Coronavirus in your household, inform school. This will remain the case for the first two days of the half term break and is in line with government guidance. This means that if a pupil or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus after developing symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (that is before midnight on Sunday 14th February), then you will need to inform me via email at covid@marshill.bham.sch.uk.

Online Safety - SafeToNet

We are all becoming increasingly aware of the negative side of social media and with this in mind the SafeToNet Foundation have created an app for parents, to help you safeguard your children from online risks like cyberbullying whilst always respecting your child's rights to privacy.

The SafeToNet Foundation is also providing families with free-for-life access to the SafeToNet safeguarding solution during coronavirus.

Using the code: SAFE, parents can get free access to the app which has wellbeing activities and adds a safeguarding keyboard to the child's phone.

John Taylor Hospice

I have received a lovely card from the John Taylor Hospice today, thanking our school community for raising money through contributions made to them in lieu of sending Christmas cards. The card reads: *I'd like to thank you, your pupils and their parents for their kind donations totaling £68. We are thinking of you all at this difficult time and hope you're all able to be safely back in school soon.*

Half Term

School closes today at 3.00 p.m. for half term and we re-open for eligible pupils on Monday 22nd February at 8.50 a.m. (8.45 a.m. in Reception)

I wish you all a safe, peaceful and happy break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J Cusack
Head Teacher