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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you fit and well and that you have had a relaxing half term break. There are just a few areas I would like to draw to your attention this week.

School-Reopening

I know that you, like I, eagerly await some further government guidance on what will be happening with regards to schools fully re-opening and this past week there has certainly been much speculation! I anticipate receiving further details from the Prime Minister this afternoon, of how and when schools will fully reopen. It is worth noting that I, nor any other school have any prior notice of what will be said today and as such I politely ask that you give us time to respond to this announcement before contacting the school for further details. I repeat my assurances to you that, once we know more, we will be in touch with you all.

World Book Day: 4th March 2021

World Book Day is nearly upon us and, for our young children one of the highlights of our school calendar. A great amount of the pleasure derived by the children, from the day, is having the opportunity to dress up and share favourite books and characters with each other. I have therefore decided to postpone our usual World Book Day **dressing up activities**, until we can all come back to school and together, share this exciting day. I also appreciate many of you are juggling the competing challenges of home-schooling whilst working from home or working as a Key worker on the front line, and I do not wish to add any further burden to your daily lives. We will hold our own **Bagshot (World) Book Day** during the summer term, and I will write nearer the time to you all, with further details. We will of course mark World Book Day, on 4th March by sharing and reading lots of wonderful stories and books and I encourage you to join in at home.

Remote Learning

Remote learning will resume today, as will class *meets*, weekly assemblies etc. We look forward to seeing the children's work and seeing many of them via class meets. We sincerely hope we will be able to see you all in person very soon but until then, we will continue to offer learning remotely via google classroom. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need any help or assistance.

Wacky Wednesday

Wacky Wednesday will continue this term, for both children at home and school. We have received some lovely feedback from both children and parents about this initiative and the lift it has given them mid- week. We all love to see your pictures from home and are creating quite the wacky wall of fame, ready for the children's return! If you are joining in at home, please send a picture to <u>info@bagshot.surrey.sch.uk</u> so we can add them to our wall.

Chapel Lane Development

We have been informed by CALA Homes that work will commence this week, on the housing development in Chapel Lane. We have already seen several exceptionally large vehicles pass the school and I would urge you to take extra care when dropping off and collecting your children. The works commence this week but will be ongoing for some considerable time so will affect everyone, at some point soon.

Kind regards

Miss K Aldred