



12th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you with an update, at the end of our half term. Next week will be the school holidays and an opportunity for all of our pupils to have a well-earned rest.

The last few weeks have been a challenging time for many of us, with lots of new ways of working being introduced, at pace. For those children at home, I would like to say how impressed we have been. Families have shown resilience and engagement with our remote learning and some have also taken the time to share their thoughts and experiences with us via our questionnaire- a big thank you for that! Our pupils that are accessing their learning in school have also worked really hard; showing resilience and adapting well to changing routines and doing so with positivity. A big well done to all of you!

Remote learning provision

With regard to our remote learning practice after the half term holiday, we are making some changes, linked to the feedback that we received via our questionnaire. The mental health week activities were particularly well received last week and lots of parents told us that their children really enjoyed this type of learning; opportunities to engage in practical activities that provided variety and developed different skills in our pupils.

With this in mind, Wednesdays will now be '**Well-being Wednesdays**'- with the learning activities being predominantly away from screens, where possible, e.g. PE, RE, music, art, story time and our creative 'Wednesday Challenges'. Formal maths and English tasks will be set on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, alongside other subjects, and on one of these days the maths and English will have a more 'practical' focus. For those pupils that would like to continue with maths and English learning on a Wednesday, there will be the opportunity to access times tables and spellings activities too.

PE

Our PE coach has provided us with five short lessons for each week that our pupils in school and at home can access. These can be done altogether as one session, separately or repeated over the week as our families choose to use them. The links to these will be available on your child's Class Dojo page. In addition to these lessons, on a Monday, Miss Kilmartin will be teaching our pupils a new skill/dance (either in the classroom or via a video) that can be practiced in school or at home during the week. On a Friday, pupils at home can then send us pictures/videos of their

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routines, if they would like to, and the pupils in school will have the opportunity to perform them in the playground in the afternoon. Our pupils in school should wear their PE kits on the same day as they have this half term and also on a Friday.

Virtual Disco

In place of our annual Valentines disco we will be hosting a virtual party and the link will be available from 4.00pm today on Class Dojo. There will also be a surprise bonus video featuring some familiar faces! Enjoy.....

Local food provision over the half term holiday

Buttershaw and Woodside No Child Goes Hungry

Half-term Mon 15th Feb — Fri 19th Feb 2021

Our community came together in October and over Christmas to make sure our children and young people were fed over half terms. Over February Half term, we are again working together with local business and Bradford Council to help those in our community most in need. If you're a parent, get in touch and we'll arrange free lunch packs over the holidays for your children that you can collect from one of many community collection points.

How does it work?

<p>1. Text your name to: 07732309852 <i>Or drop us a line on Facebook (@sandaletrust) by 10.30am that day</i></p>	<p>2. Choose your delivery / collection point <i>A member of the team will call you back and take details: We have venues across the area</i></p>	<p>3. Receive your packs <i>Every weekday from 11.30am—1.00pm</i></p>
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If your family needs further support with a **food parcel**, we can arrange a discrete and confidential in person, virtual or telephone chat.

Community Collection Points

Collection Point 1
Sandale Hub
42-46 Reevy Road West,
Buttershaw, BD6 3LX

Collection Point 2
Sandale Woodside
Sandale Walk
Woodside, BD6 2RB

Collection Point 3
Bowls Hut, Harold Park
23 Cemetery Road
BD12 0EU

Collection Point 4
St Paul's Church
St Paul's Ave
BD6 1UA

Collection Point 5
The Woodmans Inn
Manchester Road
BD5 8NH

A partnership of Sandale Trust, Friends of Harold Park, Healthy Living Pharmacy, St Paul's Family Church. Office contact: 01274 270270, info@sandaletrust.org

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School Lunch Menu

There will be a new school meals menu from Monday 22nd February. The new menu can be found on our school website. If you have any questions regarding the choices available, please contact the school office.

Covid-19 Contact-tracing

Please be reminded that to enable effective contact-tracing across our school community over the half term holiday, it is important that cases of confirmed coronavirus are reported promptly to school. Please be aware that if your child develops symptoms and has a positive coronavirus test you should email head@stpauls.bradford.sch.uk with the following details; your child's full name and year group, when their symptoms began and when they received their test result.

Upon receipt of this information we will then be able to follow our contact tracing protocols as necessary.

School will re-open on Monday 22nd February 2021. If your child or anyone else in the household is displaying coronavirus symptoms or awaiting a coronavirus test result on this day, please keep them at home and inform school in the usual way by telephoning 01274 679183.

Finally, on behalf of all staff, I would like to wish you all a relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Palmer
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