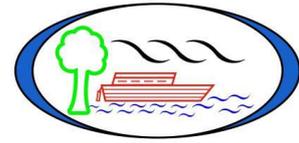


# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the final week of this half term and week six of remote learning, I wanted to thank everyone for all of their hard work and support. I want to express my sincere thanks to you all as parents and carers, for continuing to support your children as they study at home. We all appreciate how difficult home schooling is and many Oldfield Brow staff are having to home school their own children like you, whilst continuing to teach and provide support for our pupils too. We know that everyone is doing their best. Thank you for all that you have done.

Before school closes for the half term break, I thought it would be useful to provide some updates on the current situation which I hope you will find beneficial.

**Re-opening of School:** As you will no doubt have heard on the news, the Government has announced that schools will not reopen after the half term break as had previously been hoped. However, they have indicated that the earliest date schools might return is the 8th March. We have also been informed that schools will receive 2 weeks' notice, prior to the confirmed date of return. At that point, we should be given guidance on what that the return will look like and we will of course convey this to you at the earliest opportunity. After the February half term, Oldfield Brow will remain closed to the vast majority of pupils and places at the school for certain groups have already been given out and their parents informed.



**Lap-Tops for Learning:** We are fortunate enough to have a number of lap-tops available to borrow to facilitate home learning. Many have been given out already. If you would like to learn more about borrowing one of these machines, please email the school at [office@oldfield-brow.com](mailto:office@oldfield-brow.com)

**Parents' Evening:** Normally at this time of year, we would be sending home details regarding Parents' Evening. However, as so little time has been spent in school since Christmas, we will delay this until later in the year. We will update parents when additional information is available.

**Remote Learning Provision:** Thank you for all your feedback regarding the remote learning that the school is providing. We know that to many the personal touch we have provided has been very much appreciated and we also marvel at the wonderful work that has been created at home. The standards that have been achieved have been marvellous and I know the teachers and TAs in school have greatly appreciated all the children's

contributions and endeavours. We also know that this is an additional challenge as you balance parenting, teaching and work demands in an already difficult national situation. We will not be providing remote learning during the half-term and hope that everyone gets a well-deserved break of some kind during the holidays. Thank you for all that you have done.

**Additional Help for Children:** Many excellent resources and pointers for support for children with additional needs can be found within our web site: <https://www.oldfield-brow.com/info/send>



**G-Force:** G-Force are a charitable organisation that helps families and individuals in a variety of ways. I would like to thank them for their involvement in supporting many of our families this year and the way in which they have engaged

with school so that our contributions to help within our community have been enjoyed and appreciated by so many. If you want to help support families in the local area with food supplies, you can still deliver to the office and G-Force will make sure any goods given get to needy families within our community.

**Face-Masks:** A reminder to all parents and adults who bring children to and from school, we ask you to wear face masks whilst doing so.

**Video Assemblies:** Each Friday at 2.30pm, we have been sharing a Whole-School Assembly via YouTube. If you haven't watched these already, please do so. The latest video can be found here: <https://youtu.be/3FOh2HxYJ0E>

**COVID Positive Test:** If any child who has been in school during this final week of the half term is tested positive for Covid on or before Wednesday 17th February, we ask you to contact the school using [office@oldfield-brow.com](mailto:office@oldfield-brow.com) as part of our Track and Trace procedures. It is most important that all children and their families observe the expectations of us all during this period of National Lockdown.



**Nursery and School Admissions:** Please be aware that the process for securing a place for your child has remained unaltered through these Covid times and to secure a place within the school, you must register this interest through Trafford School Admissions. You should contact Oldfield Brow Primary School for securing a place within our Nursery. In these times, we cannot show new parents around the school, but a video tour of the school is available here: <https://youtu.be/8ZKDwrNy3ml>

Stay well, stay safe and see you ALL soon.

R Merrell

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