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Dear Parents and Carers,

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This half term has flown by, full of fun and excitement but also lots of learning. The children have certainly been making up for the time they lost in the classroom last term and the progress that has been made already in all areas is impressive. Of course, creativity is our golden thread running through everything we do and, in line with this, the children have enjoyed various enrichment activities: Forest School Week, Languages Day and Multi-cultural Arts Week are just a few of those, with Forest School Week being a particular favourite!

I really hope that you have enjoyed seeing what the children have been up to on Seesaw. Today, you should be able to get a flavour of the work children have created during Multi-cultural Arts Week, which has been spectacular! We will continue using Seesaw in this way for the time being and Tapestry for our EYFS children.

We have also managed to squeeze in two charity events this half term – our Harvest Festival and our Superhero Day to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of Mrs Brazier. Both events were hugely successful and I can't thank you enough for being so generous.

It is sad that a few of our Year 6 children and staff have been unable to come into school for our final week of term due to having to self-isolate. We are looking forward to seeing all of our Year 6 bubble back in school after half term. The children who have been off school have done so well on Seesaw with their home learning. We know that after half term, the likelihood of more children having to self-isolate due to positive tests in our school community is quite high. However, we will do our best to provide effective home learning and to minimise disruption, taking time to carefully identify close contacts in line with guidance. We have provided a **"How to report a positive test result to school?" on the Covid-19 section of our website. If this should happen out of school hours, it is vitally important that you know how to contact us. Please refer to the website, should you find yourself in this position.**

Thank you all for your help and support at drop off and pick up times and for your useful feedback. We feel that we have a good system in place though we are never complacent and we have a few more tweaks to make to the end of the day timings. Please look out for a letter from Mr Larkham regarding this and regarding where to wait for your child at the end of the day.

Our school menu has changed for after half term to reflect the winter season, bringing back roast dinner days and hot puddings (twice weekly). Please see the menus attached. They are also available to view on the website.

All that remains is to wish you all a happy half term. Staff, children and parents are all tired out and we are all in need of a good break! I will look forward to seeing everyone after the half term break as we look forward to Christmas. We may not be able to put on our usual nativity performance but we do have some special plans in place to ensure that the children have a chance to have fun, perform and celebrate the festive season and we will look forward to sharing this with you.

Kind regards,

Clare Jones

Headteacher