



KILLINGHALL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Helping children to make the next step on their learning journey.'



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Dear Parents,

We have all made it to the half term holiday. Well done to everyone. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you, the children and the staff for the way that everyone has adapted to remote learning. It hasn't been easy and at times everyone has been frustrated but as usual the Killinghall School community has pulled together and proved that we can overcome anything if we work together. The children have been amazingly resilient and engaged – a huge well done to them all. We will return to remote learning after half term – but hope that we may all be back together in school at some point during March.

Safer Internet Day – Tues 9th February

I was pleased to hear how knowledgeable the children are about keeping themselves safe on line during their sessions on Tuesday. One thing that did concern us was how many children seem to be playing games on line that are rated above their age group. The PEGI rating system is based on six age categories and eight content descriptors. The age categories indicate whether an interactive software product is appropriate for children from a certain age. Please check the rating of the games that the children are on using – this will support their safety and wellbeing-thankyou.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/pegi-games-ratings-explained>

This link may be helpful too.:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-being-social-online>



Game is considered suitable for all ages. Comical violence.



May contain some frightening scenes. Violence is unrealistic and directed towards fantasy characters.



Slightly more realistic violence. Mild language used by characters. Sexual posturing and innuendo feature.



Violence towards human characters, including death. Sexual activity within game, but no visible nudity. Use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco by characters.



Adult classification. Violence, death and destruction within game. Characters may glamourise drugs, alcohol and crime and use expletives throughout.

House Challenge

We would normally finish the half term with a House event but as we are unable to do this together, we are setting a challenge for the children to do at home:



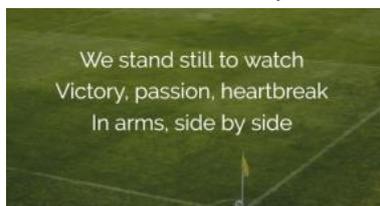
Can you create a Haiku poem about the Olympics?

Haiku poems are of Japanese origin – the Olympics is due to take place in Japan.

They contain 17 syllables in three lines of five, seven and five.

Here is an example – a helpful information sheet will also be on the Pupil Zone of the website.

Please send poem to the admin email address – also include the house that your child is in (or their colour) so that points can be awarded. Closing date is Weds 24th February.



End of Half Term Sharing

Reminder - We would like to invite parents to our end of half term assembly this afternoon. This will follow the usual pattern as two split assemblies – EYFS and KS1 at 1.30pm, KS2 at 2.30pm. Take care and stay safe.

Staffing News

I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Almack is expecting her second child in May. This means that, as result of Govt guidelines on screening for pregnant women, Mrs Almack will be unable to be in school after 8th March. She will continue to work from home and teach remotely, even if the children are back in school. She will be supported by Mrs Moss who will be in school; the children have been taught by Mrs Moss in the past. Mrs Thompson will also continue to work with Pegasus Class. Mrs Almack's maternity leave will start at the beginning of May; I will give you further details of staffing to cover this nearer the time. Please be assured that we will ensure that any staffing changes are as seamless and consistent as possible.

Advance Notice _ World Book Day

We already have a range of activities planned to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. If your child would like to dress up on that day, please let them – take photos and send them to the teachers or upload on to Teams. We will have a special worship at 10.20am that day – information to be sent out nearer the date. Key Stage 2 children will also have the opportunity to watch alive virtual stream of a Primary version of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. So plenty to look forward too!!

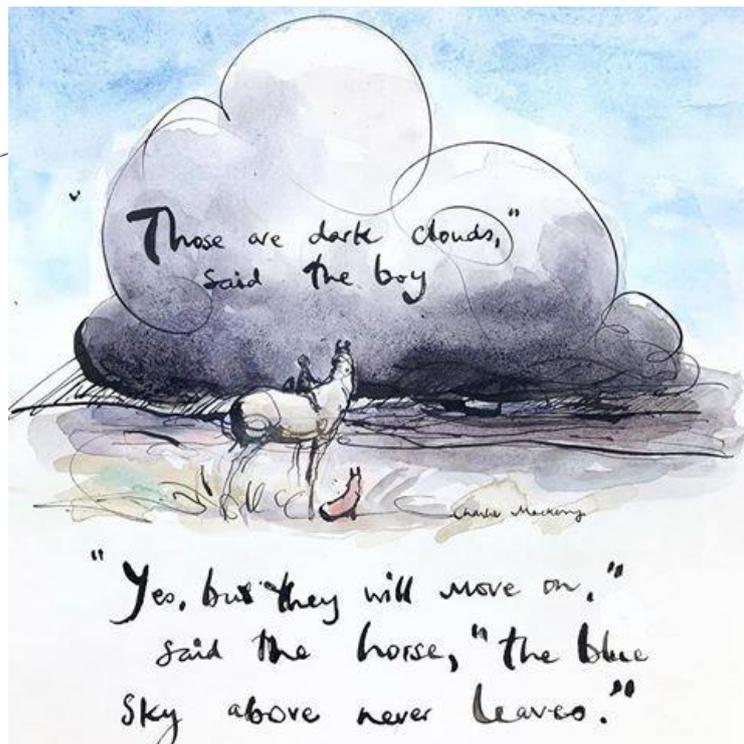
Finally, please have a good half term break as much as is possible at the moment. There is a glimmer of hope ahead now that some sort of normality can resume – we just have to remember that.

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes



Mrs Sarah Bassitt



STAY AT HOME	PROTECT THE NHS	save lives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (where this absolutely cannot be done from home)• Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people• Wash your hands as soon as you get home		

