



- Be Awesome, Shine Bright! -

CLASS CAPTAINS

This week the following children have been chosen as Class Captains:

- Reception: Leo
- Year 1: Austin
- Year 2: Aiva
- Year 3: Emeli
- Year 4: Malaika
- Year 5: Josie
- Year 6: Bethany

WELL DONE EVERYONE!



This half term means that we have reached the mid-way point of the school year. Whilst it has been an unusual school year so far, we have certainly 'evolved' and adapted to circumstances beyond our control. I have found 'reflecting' to be an extremely positive experience, as it has reminded me of everything that has been achieved, against all odds, and everything there is to be grateful for. Of course, there have been times where I have, like you, wanted to pull my hair out! However, I refuse to let negativity consume or dominate me!

In the darkest of moments, aim to shift the focus, and recall those things that are so precious. Recall everything that you have achieved in the last few months, and remember to say to yourself, 'WELL DONE!'

Wishing everyone a wonderful half term,

Charlotte Hartley (Headteacher)



CHINESE NEW YEAR

Activities have taken place throughout school today, to celebrate Chinese new year.

This year it is the year of the Ox.

Happy new year to our Chinese families and community members!

HALF TERM CLOSURE

School will fully close on Friday 12th February, at the end of the school day.

Remote learning will start again on Monday 22nd February.

School will re-open on this date for those who have been attending during this lockdown.

ATTENDANCE

Despite the difficult circumstances, we are delighted that attendance rates remain high at our school.

During the Autumn term, whole school attendance was **96.9%** (above target).

63 children (over 1/3 of the school) had 100% attendance during the Autumn Term. *COVID related absences are not included in this.* Certificates have been sent out in the post!

As we hopefully approach a more settled period at school, excellent attendance will be more important than ever.

Where attendance is lower than expected, letters will be sent to families reminding of the important of good attendance.

WELL DONE!

LENT

This year, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday fall during the half-term closure.

This starts the period of Lent, an important time in the church calendar. It is a season of reflection and preparation where Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

Many school members will be 'giving up' something during Lent, to remember Jesus' sacrifice.

MID-YEAR REPORTS

Mid-year reports have now been emailed out.

If anyone requires a paper copy, please contact the school office.