

# CHALKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents,

Yesterday, over 100 parents attended the Spring Term Parents' Forum where we shared updates on changes to the school staffing structure, Covid19, remote learning, Spanish, assessment, safeguarding, and parent workshops. A big 'thank you' to those who were able to attend and to the individuals who shared their experiences of juggling work, parenting, and supporting their children with online learning. We do understand how challenging it is to manage everything in this current situation, but on behalf of the school, I would like to say what a brilliant job you are all doing.

## Wellbeing

One of the main issues brought up in the Parents' Forum was wellbeing for the whole school community, which is understandable considering the current circumstances. You will be aware that the school has been working closely with Place2Be for a number of years and this will continue to be an invaluable service for pupils, parents and staff. Going forward, we would like to propose a weekly screen-free afternoon starting from next week which will provide an opportunity for the staff, pupils and parents to step away from devices and to enjoy other activities. This could include things such as physical activity, cooking, drawing, painting, drama, and using your imagination to create something. Your child's class teacher will inform you as to which day the screen-free afternoon will take place as well as some ideas of fun activities to do. The school website is also regularly updated and there is a section in the home learning tab to provide you with other ideas for mental wellbeing.

<https://www.chalkhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=101>

## Children's Mental Health Week

This week, pupils, parents and staff took part in a range of activities to mark Children's Mental Health Week in association with Place2Be. This year's theme was 'Express Yourself!' and it has been lovely to see so many of the pupils participate, whether it was to join in with the online yoga sessions, produce art work, make something at home, or complete the set activities on the learning platforms. If you would like to find out more information about the week, please click on the following link:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

## Assessment

As explained in the Parents' Forum, the government has cancelled all statutory assessments for this academic year including the EYFS Baseline, Year 1 Phonics Reading Check, Year 4 Multiplication Check, and the SATS for KS1 and KS2. Assessment for all pupils happens on a daily basis and will continue to do so even though the majority of pupils are learning remotely. However, in order to get a more detailed picture of the strengths and areas for development for your child, there will be an 'Assess and Review' week after half term. During that week, the live lessons will be replaced by small group sessions so that pupils can share what they have learnt, and the teachers can identify any gaps in their knowledge so they can plan accordingly to fill these gaps. There will be a timetable for the week and the class teacher will inform you of which day your child will be working in small groups.



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## Feed Me Good- Parent Workshops

We have recently formed a partnership with an organisation called Feed Me Good. Its main purpose is to combat health inequality in Black and Ethnic communities by supporting individuals to improve their health & wellbeing; by increasing their aspirations; and developing sustainable life skills. The organisation will be delivering a programme over the next few weeks which will include the following:

- Preparing 50 hot meals during the half term for selected families
- One hour PSHE lessons for pupils in Year 4 and 5 for the next half term (delivered remotely)
- Cooking demonstration videos for the entire family to follow
- An 8-week online programme for parents focused around cooking, sustainability, health and wellbeing topics, and employability skills training. As well as this, Feed Me Good will be supporting those who are seeking employment with CV clinic sessions, focusing on developing employability skills including how best to prepare for an interview, what to expect from an interview and what happens after the interview has taken place. Please sign up at the following link if you are interested in taking part: <https://www.feedmegood.co.uk/new-programme-sign-up>

## Upcoming Dates

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Staff Inset Day: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February School will be closed for all pupils.

Half term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

World Book Day: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

## Contact details

If you have any further questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher via email, ClassDojo or Seesaw.

For issues regarding school devices and remote learning, please email: [remotelearningsupport@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk](mailto:remotelearningsupport@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk)

For safeguarding issues, please email [safeguarding@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk)

For reporting a Covid case, please email [covid19report@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk](mailto:covid19report@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk)

For all other enquiries, please contact the school office via telephone or email at [admin@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk)

Please also continue to submit writing to the Chalkhill Writers' Blog at <https://www.chalkhillwriters.com/>.

There is one more week before half term. Snow is expected once again this weekend so please look after yourselves if you need to venture outside.

Kind Regards,  
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