

Headteacher Update 29th January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

The Prime Minister announced on Wednesday that schools wouldn't re-open until **March 8th 2021** at the earliest (if all the vaccination targets are met). I thought parents/carers might like to read what was said and have attached it as an appendix to this newsletter.

Needless to say it is greatly disappointing, however we at least have another date to work to and will prepare to re-open to more children when we can do so safely and the NHS isn't under the relentless pressure they seem to be at the moment.

I saw this, this week, and thought it might be helpful to include it to support us all:



Half term

Please be aware that if you are a critical worker and currently use school provision to support your working arrangements that the school will be closed from **15th–19th February 2021**. So please make alternative arrangements. There will be no Remote Learning posted for half term week but we will post some well-being and creative activities together with sessions being held by other organisations.



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STOP PRESS

Mrs Inman is going to be doing a 'Live' Pixmore Writing Awards Assembly on **Tuesday 2nd February at 9am**. If you would like your child to join please use the link below and password.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76531093217?pwd=aVJTZGdoRnkyQjJta0pTMmhoMG5zQT09>

Meeting ID: 765 3109 3217

Passcode: H8qf4j

As usual please follow our protocols for attending 'live' events. Please make sure it is your child's name that signs in to the meeting room and turn off camera and microphones until you are told to put them on.

Here are two display boards for **Winter's Child Writing Project** in school and you might be able to spot your writing if you sent it in.



Next week ... the Winner's board.



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Mrs Evans Assemblies

The weekly 'Live' assembly that I do will move from Mondays to **Fridays**.

The first Friday 'Live' assembly will be on **Friday 5th February**. This is the new link -

Mrs Evans 'Live' Assembly - new link from Friday 5th Feb only!!

Time: Feb 5, 2021 09:00 London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74388007436?pwd=NXJMS0FPRE5sMlV1aWZMzRHVjdGVZz09>

Meeting ID: 743 8800 7436

Passcode: yNTUX4

It will also be sent out by MME on the **Wednesday before the assembly** so please look out for it as a reminder.

Hopefully this spreads the 'Zoom' load across the week and gives children an opportunity to have a bit more interaction with peers and with me as their head teacher.

Friday assemblies are our 'Celebration' of learning and so there will be an opportunity for children who are remote learning to share news/activities and work they have been proud of for the week. It may be I will also do 'shout outs' for birthdays and school messages. Send your work / activity that you want to share to schoolteachers@pixmore.herts.sch.uk – **subject line** – Friday Assembly - child's initials and year group. Then a picture or a bit about why you want to show your work/activity posted by **Thursdays @ noon**. I will then pick about some children to share 'live'.

Teachers, from a different year group each week, will also nominate some children whose home learning or work in school shows that they have used some of our Pixmore Learning Powers: Perseverance, Resourcefulness, Collaboration and Empathy.

Children's whose work has been shared will get a Headteacher's Award badge – 'virtually' via MME and a real one which will be with the child's name in a box in the Office Reception Area. This is the same place where the birthday badges will be kept. So please pop in to get your child's badge.

Star Seesaw posts this week comes from Year 5:

A dream catcher made by Amelia F in 5TF





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Good News!

Stationary Packs

This week the lovely congregation of the Letchworth Garden Free Church have put together stationary packs for some of our families who struggle with the home learning resources. Pastor Johnston and his wife Dani have a personal connection to our school as both their children are or have attended Pixmore. Some of our families have benefitted from work by 'Extra Smiles' group and the 'Uniform Shop'.

We are tremendously grateful to their church team for putting the packs together and a massive thank you from all the staff. If you would like to help the church supply more packs across the town then please contact them on 01462 480126 or via email info@mylgcc.com.

Help and support

As always please contact the school if you need any help or want to speak to another adult about any issues, we will do our best to listen and help where we can. School staff are regularly contacting families; you might find a call from a number withheld come up so please answer if you can or phone the school back and we can find out who called you and get them to ring you back.

If your query is related to the Remote Learning please contact the Year group teachers in the first instance at school teachers@pixmore.herts.sch.uk.

During school hours you can also contact

Mrs Willans – Assistant Headteacher on: 07529220197

Mrs Kennedy our Family Support Worker can be called / or text on: 07422 678961

I am in school the majority of the time as are the office team so you can always ring to speak to us and we'll do our best to help.

Parent Forum

Please join us for the Parent Forum zoom meeting on **Thursday 4th February 2021 from 1:30-2:15PM** for an informal discussion about matters affecting your child. We would like your views on reporting during the spring and summer Term. In particular, we would like to know whether you would like another opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about their home learning this term and when it would be useful to have this meeting, and the format for written reports. Any feedback on home learning is also appreciated, including anything we can do better. Mrs Willans and Mrs Kennedy look forward to seeing you next week.

S W is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Parent Forum

Time: Feb 4, 2021 01:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72176383926?pwd=MFhIS1dRMHdnK3FhKzc3WkRBVG42dz09>

Meeting ID: 721 7638 3926

Passcode: M1Pt7i



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I am looking forward to listening to Radio 2 this weekend as they are playing loads of tunes from 'Musicals'. My personal favourite musicals are – 'Gypsy' and 'Chess' as I've been in both the shows on the stage. I am really missing live performance and the experience of being in the theatre at the moment. This time last year I saw 'Dear Evan Hanson' a really great song from that was 'You will be Found' - why not have a listen?

Take Care

Mrs Alex Evans
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