



**Wibsey Primary School**  
**North Road, Wibsey, Bradford, BD6 1RL**

**Update from Mr Cooper – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Dear Parent/Carer**

Well we reach the end of the first half term of 2021. I don't think it has been what any of us wanted, even though we may have expected it. I do though think that everyone has made the best of it.

It is a Half Term holiday and I have one simple request - forget about school and learning for the week. I would like you, and all the staff, to completely switch off from school and have some family time if you can. This applies to those children who have been in school or at home. The pressures on you as home schoolers and on the staff have left everyone frayed and the last thing any of us need is burnout. There will be no App messaging, google class rooming or the like. Devices will be off.

I believe the Prime Minister will be reviewing how things are going on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February – and hopefully we can plan for the 8<sup>th</sup> March. We will wait and see. I think the main thing is that we all keep following the guidance, keep distances, observe the lockdown rules and then hopefully see some restrictions lifting.

Mrs Smith will be forwarding some further information shortly via the App in the form of a leaflet that details lots of different avenues for help with holiday food, counselling and other services. Please make use of these services if you need them – they are all there to support you.

**Morning Drop Off from 22<sup>nd</sup> February– Observing Safety Rules.** After Half term we are going to have to make sure we continue following the strictest of distancing rules when on the school site. This means not only keeping 2m away from each other but unless you **really are exempt**, wearing a mask. You may find yourself challenged by several members of staff whilst on the site without a mask – please don't be offended.

I have previously explained staff are not wearing a mask and this continues to be the case. They are communicating with your children as they arrive, who also do not wear masks, and this happens all through the day. Clear communication – sight of mouth etc is necessary in teaching and for quick, safe communication, particularly when children are in groups. Please keep 2m away from staff at drop off and collection.

**Entry into the building will be tighter.** If you need to see the office staff, please ring and make an appointment. If you are dropping off late then you will only be admitted to the office one at a time. Your children have to be escorted by staff from the office to class and it takes time to do this. You may have a lengthier wait outside until someone is free. The easiest thing is to be on time.

Finally, a thank you for all the positive feedback you are sending into the staff. It has helped massively in keeping spirits high. Where I have had these shared with me I have been able to speak to the staff personally and I have to say please do not underestimate the boost these give. This partnership that is needed in everyone getting through these challenging times.

I will leave your children with a message from George and Mildred

*Nigel Cooper*

**Headteacher – Team Wibsey**

## ***George and Mildred's message for Team Wibsey Children***



*Happy Half Term everybody. We hope you are looking forward to a week of no school work. We are looking forward to seeing our Dad at home for the week – but we are not sure if he will get annoying and disturb our daytime sleeping. As you can see we sneak onto the bed for a little chill out when no one is looking. We do our cute faces if we are caught though 😊😊😊*

*Remember – stay safe, be nice and kind and choose something to do in the week that you really enjoy – even if, like us, it's extra sleep!!*

*TTFN – George & Mildred*

### **For children in school: - the menu w/c Monday 22nd February**

**Usual daily choices** – Jacket Potatoes, Paninis and Sandwiches, home-made confectionary and fruit.

#### **Hot Options**

**Monday** – Pasta Arrabiata

**Tuesday** – Burger and Wedges

**Wednesday** – Pasta Bolognaise

**Thursday** – Pizza

**Friday** – Fish and Chips