



## Thomas Johnson Lower School

*Dream - Discover - Flourish*

12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations! You've made it to half term!

We've been astounded by the fantastic support you have provided for your child, and we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing their lovely work each day and their steady progress throughout the term. We can't thank you enough for your patience, dedication and support in helping ensure your child has had the very best lockdown learning opportunities.

The Local Authority confirmed to Headteachers yesterday that schools will have to wait for the Prime Minister's announcements after half term before we can prepare for the next recovery phase. Of course we will keep you updated as soon as we have heard the news and have drawn up our response.

### **Parent Questionnaire - closes 14th Feb**

Thank you to everyone who has kindly responded to the questionnaire. It will close after this weekend, so you still have time to let us know your thoughts if you haven't had a chance to complete it just yet. Once I have all the responses in, I will compile the data and provide you with the overall results and feedback.

We noticed that some parents have said their child is having to share a device with another family member. We have some spare laptops / chromebooks in school, so if you need to borrow one of these please let me know and I can arrange for this to happen after half term.

We also noted that there were requests for printed copies of the worksheets as some of the files were tricky to open. We are able to provide daily printouts for you to collect, but as the work is uploaded on a day-by-day basis we cannot unfortunately provide a whole week of sheets in advance. If this would still be helpful, please let us know and we can arrange for the day's worksheets to be ready for collection from 9am each day.

### **New books and activity worksheets - collection Tues 23rd Feb**

Following your suggestions, the teachers will be issuing a pack of activity worksheets linked to their topics for collection on Tuesday 23rd Feb. New books will also be available on this day.

The aim of these activity worksheets is to fill a gap. It could be that you are engaged in another task (like a work phone call) and your child needs to be able to pick up an activity without the need of your support. It could be that your child has finished a task quickly, or perhaps they found the task too tricky and you would like to give them something else to do instead. Let us know if you find the worksheets useful! Any suggestions or ideas will be much appreciated.

If the weather is bad and we are unable to leave the items outside, please call at the front door

to collect your worksheets and new books instead on that day.

**Rewards Certificates**

I hope your child was able to attend their Zoom class meeting today. If your child received a Reward Certificate, these will be posted to you over the weekend. Please look out for an envelope from us.

Finally, we wish you a very happy and relaxing half term and look forward to being back in the Google Classroom on Monday 22nd February.

With best wishes



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