

LAYCOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of another half term and I would like to thank you for your continued support over the last few months, which have continued to be challenging for all of us. In the face of ongoing covid absences, we have managed to maintain levels of attendance which stand up well against national figures, and we should be proud of this achievement.

As we move into the next half term, local health guidance falls more in line with national guidance and, as such, my plans are to return to a start time of 8.50am and finish time of 3.10pm for all classes, with the re-opening of the main playground in the morning from 8.40am, where all children should once again line up on the morning bell and will be collected by their teachers. The wearing of face masks on school site is personal choice. Please ensure your child continues to bring a named water bottle - with a sports top lid, please! – as I do not intend to bring the water fountains back into use around school just yet, but water top-ups will be available for your children as they require. I know there has been discussion about the content of these bottles, but it should be just water please. Prior to covid and introducing water bottles for covid hygiene reasons, children had access to only water during the day without issue, and juice in bottles presents a serious risk to your child's dental health which we are keen to avoid. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Despite staff shortages due to covid, we have managed to pack in another busy half term and your child's curriculum delivery has certainly been exciting. Indeed, year 1/2 have had a trip within their locality, learning about their local history in Keighley Town Centre and visiting the Carnegie Library; year 3/4 have supported their Romans topic with a visit to the Royal Armouries in Leeds; and Y5/6 have survived a three-day residential packed with outdoor adventurous activities at Robinwood!

On our return from the half term break, Mrs Myers will see out the first week before going on maternity leave. Miss Holliday will take over as year 3/4 class teacher from Monday 7th March, with all other arrangements remaining the same. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Myers a relaxing couple of weeks before her new arrival (!), and we look forward very much to welcoming the new addition to her family.

A reminder about World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, when we would love your child to come into school dressed as their favourite book character with a £1 donation. World Book Day tokens are winging their way home with the children for you to exchange for a free book in most book shops & supermarkets, and enjoy together over the half term.

Have a lovely half term week, and we look forward very much to seeing you all on Monday 28th February.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juliet Nove'.

Mrs J Nove
Headteacher



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