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Dear Parents

As we have reached the half-term holiday, I just wanted to thank you for all you have done to support our youngsters over this period of home learning. I know that you and the children will be ready for a well-earned rest. I'm sure you would want to join me in thanking our amazing teachers and support staff who have worked so hard in order to continue to provide education for our pupils. We do not know when or how we will be opening to all of our pupils but, as the vaccine is rolled out and the rates of infection continue to decrease, we can look forward to a return to some form of normality before the summer. Thank you especially to all of you who have sent messages of support and praise; they are really appreciated. If you are having any difficulties; whether it be with technology or just the need for advice about your child's well-being, do not hesitate to get in touch.

A reminder to parents that school will not be open to any pupils during the February half-term next week. School will close on Friday 12 February and re-open on Monday 22 February 2021. All lessons will recommence on-line, as normal, on Monday 22 February. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 during the half-term break, can you please ensure that you inform Dr Tuohy by emailing: jtuohey@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk.

Reading

We are committed to encouraging and promoting the benefits of reading and supporting your child to continue to develop this important skill. There is strong evidence which highlights the benefits of reading in relation to pupil progress. The research shows that reading enhances pupils' outcomes in all subject areas, as it develops vocabulary, reading fluency and understanding. It can also be used a fabulous tool to relax, enhance creativity, develop empathy and understanding of the wider world. We know that the impact of lockdown is very difficult on our young people and that half term next week will have limitations, so why not encourage your child to get reading. Please see the two attached documents; 'Let's Get Reading', which has links to various online apps and websites, which are offering free access to books, along with links to free PDF versions of some popular teen reads. The second attachment is a guide from the Education Endowment Fund, with some top tips for helping your child to develop their reading skills. We hope that you find these useful and can support your child in their reading.

Well-being

Please see attached well-being tips.

Yours sincerely



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