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Enabling inquisitive thinkers and inspired learners with kind hearts.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS MARTIN

So here we are at the start of the final week of this half-term. I'm sure you will agree that it certainly feels like a long time since the lockdown announcement on 4th January, but as usual the way that the Himbleton community has pulled together has been amazing. Thank you so much for the support that you continue to give your children with their learning, whether at home or school. Everyone is in different positions, trying their best; please know that you are doing a great job and try not to put too much pressure on yourselves - the most important thing is that everyone stays safe and well.

At the moment all we know is that school will remain open only for the same children who are in currently for the first two weeks of next half-term at least. We will let you know as soon as we receive any updates. Therefore we will continue with the same remote learning format from Monday 22nd February.

I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable half-term break, without having to think about the remote learning schedule!

A FULLY FUNDED OFFER FROM WCF AND NHS...

Supporting children with school work at home? Why not take a (bite-sized) module of a really interesting online course for parents?

Whether it provides reassurance or revelations, 9 out of 10 parents find the Solihull Approach model (Birmingham University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) helpful for thinking about children's feelings and behaviour. 'Understanding your child' and 'Understanding your child with additional needs' are relevant whatever the age of your child/children. There are also smaller courses if you have a teen, to give you more detail about the topic of teenage brain development.

For more information and to book a course visit:

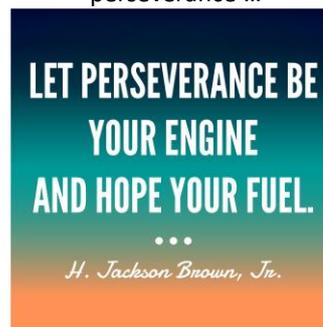
<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/> and apply the access code: SOLIHULLKPPROVHWCS.

SOUTH AFRICAN VARIANT OF COVID-19

As you may be aware, a small number of cases of the South African variant of Covid-19, have been detected within the WR3 postcode. There is no evidence this variant is any more serious, or that the current licensed vaccine would not be effective against it. However, to reduce its spread, a number of residents living or working within the WR3 postcode and part of the WR9 postcode are being asked to book a test to identify if they are carrying the variant without having any symptoms. This is to help ensure anyone with the virus, is self-isolating and protecting their communities from the spread of the new variant. Any adult over 18 in these postcodes, who does not have symptoms should book a test through Worcestershire County Council's website. The booking link and a postcode checker is available here; <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/COVID19variant>. The booking system will be open from Monday, and 2 sites are available to book, at The White Hart Pub in Fernhill Heath and Sixways stadium. There will be testing for two weeks, to allow plenty of time for tests to be booked.

OUR VALUES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our focus value this half-term is 'perseverance'...



SEND SURVEY

A survey is currently being carried out by SENDIASS, in conjunction with many other Information, Advice and Support Services across the West Midlands, to capture the views of families of children with SEND during lockdown. If this applies to you and would like to share your views please go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HerefordshireWorcestershire1>.

SENDIASS have asked us to highlight the importance of not including any identifying information in the 'Comments' section so as to maintain anonymity.

REMOTE LEARNING PARENT SURVEY

Later this week we will be sending out a survey to seek your views regarding the current remote learning provision offer for those at home. All feedback will be welcomed and used as we move forward.

Monday 8th February 2021