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Dear parents and carers

We are drawing to the end of another unusual and challenging half term that seemed far from normal in many ways. It seems so strange to think we are coming close to the almost 12 months since the first lock down and that we have spent a year adapting to and managing life, work and learning within these new difficult constraints. Despite this I am still heartened and impressed at how much our school community still packs into every day, in a term marked by weeks of learning, engagement and challenge. The newsletter contains some of the opportunities Avanti Fields students have grasped this term, showing how determined and committed they are to becoming the "best version of themselves"



The school closes today for half term, which means remote learning pauses and everyone can enjoy a well-deserved break. It really is important that the half term marks a period of rest for everyone. I would really encourage the young people to put their screens aside and enjoy time actively, creatively, spending time outdoors, with family, in "real time". The message is the same to the staff here – after such an intense few weeks everyone needs a time to recharge and recuperate.

Term begins again on 22nd February which means we will recommence remote learning, starting with tutor time at 8.30 am.

If however, you are also looking for some creative inspiration, the ever popular Children's Spark festival is on line this year with the promise of "virtual vitamin D" with broad and rich range of creative and cultural events to inspire and enthuse. More details at the end of this letter.

Finally, I leave with a beautiful picture of our new site, framed by a glorious sunrise and the first promise of Spring to lighten our spirits.



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Wishing all our families and fiend a happy and healthy half term.

Stay safe and well.

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Emma Taplin Principal



The Spark Festival

Monday 8 - Saturday 20 February 2021

A splash of 'sunshine' is on its way.



Vitamin D for the imagination

Leicester has had a tougher time than most with COVID, and we're proud that The Spark Festival will be here after a long year with some much-needed colour. The Spark will provide some Vitamin D for the imagination, harnessing the power of cultural sunlight to shine on children and families.