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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that this letter finds you in good health and consciousness. Please find a poem of gratitude for the entire school community below.

As this half term draws to a close
We raise our hands together for those

Mum, dads, pupils and all
Not one member of this community did fall

Troubled times have truly tested
The character of each of us invested

In the future of our special children
Who carry the batten of bravery
We salute you!

No easy feat for parents we recognise
Work Commitments, virtual calls yet teachers in disguise

Teachers tirelessly adjusting to a new way of life
Children respond resiliently with no strife

LSAs continue to support with love and care
Reminding the children to have no fear

Our diligent and dedicated cleaning staff on-site
And Govinda's mustering up Prashadam - a delight

Office staff keep our communication alive
Site keepers who without, no keyworker could arrive
We Salute you!

A famous Chinese proverb comes to mind
Walk together go far, AHPS has defined

We take shelter of our faith in the Lord
At a time where we cannot afford

To lose hope in what the Big Man's planned
Because ultimately He has our best interest in hand!
We salute you!

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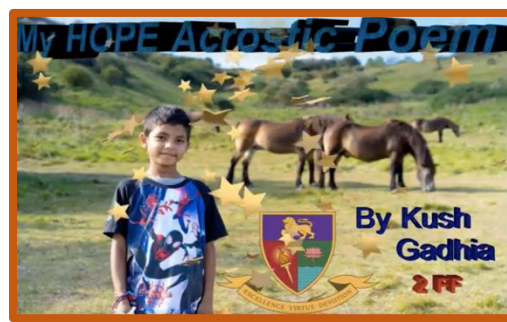


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Message of Hope from School Council

Our School Councillors have also shared a wonderful video message with all of you (see link below).



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TtrcNNyUEI>

Half-term Homework

A thrilling Art Competition will be shared with all children on Friday 12th February 2021 which will be led by Hardiki Patel, a parent from our school community. The competition will take place in 4 categories: EYFS, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6. Winners will be selected by Mrs Patel and Mr Allaway (Whole-school Art Lead). Mrs Pant (Science Lead) will also be sharing science links for children to partake in activities over the holiday period. Finally, class teachers will also provide half-termly creative project homework which will be linked to an area of the curriculum that will be taught in Spring 2. Please encourage your child(ren) to engage in this project and take part in as many screen free activities as possible! Half-term is an excellent opportunity for children to give their eyes a break and prevent digital eye strain.

Annual E-Safety Parent Workshop



Our annual E-Safety workshop for parents this year will be focused around the following areas:

- Reminders of online dangers and potential situations children could face
- Ways to protect children and safeguard them at home
- Strategies and tips to having openness and transparency with your child
- Resources to further enhance your understanding of E-Safety and support for you and your child
- TOP TIPS for E-Safety during virtual learning** - *A new addition due to the current circumstances.*

Please see details for the session below:

Date/Time: Thursday 11th February 2021 05:00 PM - 05:45 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/93785420934?pwd=VVhZR2hRK2ITR05ZUmJSbTdFeGJEZz09>

Meeting ID: 937 8542 0934

Passcode: QMP4D2

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Reading for Pleasure



Learning to read is perhaps the most important thing we learn to do. There is significant evidence that being a reader impacts on future social, emotional, economic and academic success. We would like to encourage you as parents to continue to nurture your child(ren)'s love for reading. Here are 10 top tips to help your children enjoy reading:

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/top-10-tips-to-help-children-enjoy-reading.html>

Some interesting statistics about reading during lockdown:

- Children's enjoyment of reading has **increased** during lockdown (from 47.8% pre-lockdown to 55.9% post-lockdown)
- **47%** of parents say their children are doing more independent reading since the first lockdown
- **34%** of parents say they are reading to their children more
- **11%** of parents read their child a bedtime story for the first time ever during lockdown (National Literacy Trust and Book Trust findings)

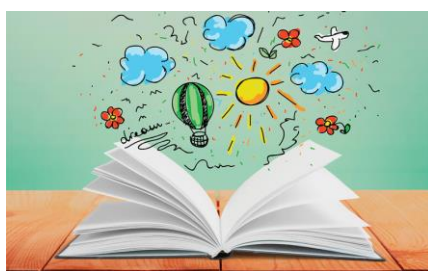
A few more useful links:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/blog/learning-at-home-learning-to-read/>

<http://www.toppsta.com>

https://ukla.org/ukla_resources/ukla-book-awards-2021-longlists/

<https://readforgood.org/reading-inspiration/>



Whilst we continue to wrestle with uncertainty, please take out some time to salute yourselves and those around you. Some of you have battled with ill health, some have lost that battle (but certainly not the war) and some may face the battle. Thank you to each member of our community for finding the silver lining during this dark period! We Salute you! We Salute you! We Salute you!

Hare Krishna

Mr Koorichh and Mrs Joshi
Co-Principals

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