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Dear Parents and Carers

### **A challenging term**

As we come to the end of the first half of the spring term, I am immensely proud of the way in which the whole school community has stepped up and risen to the many challenges brought about by lockdown; everyone has shown huge commitment, courage and compassion in such difficult circumstances. The children have been incredible, parents have supported superbly and staff have risen to the challenge of providing hybrid learning for those in school and at home.

### **Half term**

School will be closed to all pupils during half term. We will however continue to play our role in contact tracing. Therefore, if your child has been in school and tests positive for coronavirus within 48 hours of the last day of term, you must contact us via email: [admin@abbeywoods.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:admin@abbeywoods.anthemtrust.uk)

### **Remote education**

I have been amazed at the resilience shown by the children and the ease to which so many continue to adapt to these challenging circumstances. It has been a pleasure to see so many examples of wonderful work from children of all year groups in Google Classroom. The staff and I are very proud of their efforts and we hope to build on them next term.

In addition, I wish to repeat my message of thanks to our parents and carers who are doing such a great job of supporting their children with remote learning. We recognise that behind every successful lesson or learning experience, there are many ways that grown-ups at home will have made it successful. Please know that we understand how difficult this situation is for you all. The challenges of juggling work with learning at home are huge and the miserable weather doesn't help!

### **Staffing**

Last week, we said a sad goodbye to Miss Hollie Nichols and today we bid farewell to Ms Rowena Stott. We will miss both members of staff greatly and wish them well for the future.

Miss Miranda Day starts her maternity leave and we eagerly await news of her baby in the next couple of weeks.



I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Rebecca Lewis will be working mornings in Nursery and Mrs Suzie Holmes returns as SENCO.

### **Re-opening update**

Unfortunately, the Government has announced that it will not be possible to fully re-open schools immediately after half term. Schools, parents and children have been promised at least two weeks' notice and we therefore anticipate that we will not be able to re-open until Monday 8 March at the earliest.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very relaxing half term.

Warm wishes,

Sophie Charter

Head Teacher