

# January 2021

#### **Dear Parents and Children**

It has been a very different start to the Spring Term, with school closed to non-key worker children. I would like to thank everyone who has been so supportive over the last few weeks and hope that we all stay safe until we are all able to be back together in school.

## **Full Reopening of School**

As you know the Government announced earlier this week that schools will not return to full face to face education until 8<sup>th</sup> March at the earliest, as the current restrictions need to remain in place. We have already begun planning for this and hope that the vaccine targets are met and hospital admissions are reduced, meeting the conditions needed for schools to open to all pupils.

### **February Half Term**

The Government also announced that there was no expectation for school to remain open for critical key worker pupils over the February half term, therefore school will be closed. All the staff have been working extremely hard not only teaching the large number of children in school, but also planning and delivering home learning provision. It has been a stressful time for everyone, especially staff trying to also support their own families and children with their home learning and the week will give everyone time to recharge their batteries ready for the full reopening of school.

## **Critical Key Worker Places**

Please can I remind parents that they need to book the places they need for each week via the school website parents evening booking section. The booking slots open on a Tuesday at 10am and close at midday on a Thursday. Please make sure that you book your places, online each week. If places are not booked, children cannot attend school, as staffing is organised according to the numbers of pupils attending.

**Reading Support for Parents –** free Literacy Counts read with me sessions, which you may find useful, from the company we use to support our Literacy work.

FREE: Live Webinar Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021
Literacy Counts in Partnership with Cheshire East
Supporting Parents and Carers in Supporting Reading



3pm-4pm

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Meeting ID: 914 7888 3218

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7pm-8pm (Repeated)

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**The Christopher Salmon Foundation,** in partnership with Wirral Poetry Festival and Wirral Libraries, announces The Christopher Salmon Poetry Competition 2021 for poems on the theme of Friendship. The competition is for people in Wirral aged 19 years and under, in full-time education. Entry is Free with Prizes of £100 for each of five age categories:

7 and under, 8-11, 11-13, 14-16, 16-19

Entry closes on 28 May 2021. For full details visit:

www.wirral.gov.uk/libraries wirralpoetryfestival.org.uk/christophersalmon

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