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THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS!

This is the key message from me today. This third lockdown and second school closure has been challenging for everyone, but for many parents it has been really hard work. Families have often been stuck at home, because the weather isn't great. Parents and carers have tried to motivate children with home learning, sort out IT issues, get their own work done, keep the house tidy, keep the cupboards full of food because kids eat so much...I could go on. I just wanted to let you know how much the school appreciates what you have done to support your children with learning and encourage them, whether that is with online learning, the home learning or craft packs, or giving them practical activities or opportunities for physical exercise. Parents and carers have full lives with their families even before they have to get to grips with home schooling and it can be a real challenge. We know and understand that not all students are able to manage a full regime of online learning – and that is fine. Whatever parents and carers can do makes a difference.

I hope you know that you are valued by the school and we do understand the struggles being faced. As a school we are obliged to provide up to five hours a day of remote learning, but there is no judgement about how little or much of that offer is taken up – you do what you need to do to get through this lockdown and you have our support.

Breakfast

After half term we will be offering breakfast to students attending school. They will be offered toast and fruit juice and will eat with their tutor group. It is up to students whether they eat or not but all will be expected to sit together. Students attending in the afternoons will also be offered a snack and a drink when they arrive. Eating together can be important, not just for re-fuelling but also for developing social skills and becoming more independent.

Cross Keys 'Be Kind' Fund

If you are a resident of Cross Keys Homes, they have launched a 'Be Kind' fund to support any residents who are struggling with the impact of COVID-19. They can adapt the support on offer and also help you reach out to the agencies that can best help with individual circumstances.

www.crosskeyshomes.co.uk/be-kind/

Free School Meals

The government have extended the Winter Grant Scheme, so children entitled to free school meals will have vouchers over half term. These were processed by the school this week and will be available to parents via Wonde.

As there is still uncertainty about when we return to school, we will continue to send out supermarket vouchers for the next half term and there will be no changes to the system before the summer term.

Test and Trace

The school still has some responsibility for test and trace over half term. If a child who has been in school tests positive for COVID, and the test was carried out on either Saturday 13th or Sunday 14th February, then please contact me directly so we can let staff and students know if they need to isolate. The names of any students or staff testing positive are always kept confidential.

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Half Term Camps

The Youth Dreams Project are running half term camps for children of critical workers or those who are classed as vulnerable – which does include children with EHCPs. If you are interested, the camps are based at St John Fisher Catholic High School and Hampton College. You can look at their website for further information:

www.youthdreamsproject.co.uk/half-term

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Head Teacher's Challenge

For Children's Mental Health Week I set a challenge for the students, asking them to use a video or photographs to 'express themselves' and show me the 'real them'. Caitlin is the winner of this challenge and I am grateful to her for allowing me to share, not just her photograph, but her very powerful words that go with it. I found it very moving and a real reminder of the struggles that our children can face with their mental health. Thank you Caitlin and well done – you are an incredibly worthy winner. Caitlin will receive a prize today.



Judging by this picture you wouldn't suspect anything is hidden, you'd think I'm a happy, joyful, life filled young woman wouldn't you?

And that's exactly the thing about mental health, it's something that's hidden, it's an illness without a face. The most famous person or just someone you see on the street or even your loved ones could seem as happy as can be, but for all you know deep down they could be battling their own self.

Mental health/illness comes in all forms. It's not a pleasant thing to experience, it's not an easy thing to battle. For me the best words I would choose to describe mental health is it's like "smiling on the outside and dying on the inside" Mental health is such a tough thing to battle and honestly if you are still here breathing and beating this faceless monster you are so so strong and I'm so proud of you.

Always remember it's ok not to be ok and you are worth it. You are needed and you matter!!!!

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Staff Hero of the Week

Last week's hero was **Miss Ravalia**. Many of you will know her from reception and her calm manner and knowledge of all the school systems have been so helpful to me as I learn my way around.

My hero for this week is **Miss Kimpton**. She is a Teaching Assistant in our Hub and has been working from home since the start of term because she is due to have a baby very soon.

She has been delivering some wonderful online interventions and has worked really hard. She is now going off on well-deserved maternity leave – we wish her all the best and miss her already.



Celebrating Remote Learning

We haven't forgotten our students who work at home. I have been trying to drop into live lessons in order to say hello to students when I can. We have seen some great work as a result of the online learning and also the craft packs which have been sent home. The teachers have been sending me some pictures from you which show the children's achievements.



McKenzie's art

Head Teacher's Star of the Week



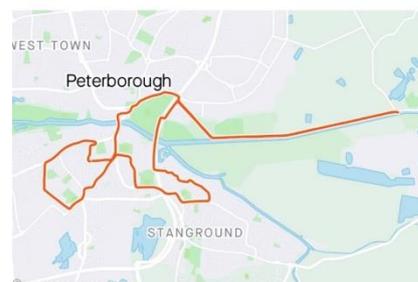
Last week **Cameron** was my star of the week. Cameron is always positive and has been coming up with

some great ideas for a student-produced version of the newsletter, which we are going to work on next half term.

This week **McKenzie** and **Riley** are my Stars of the Week. McKenzie has been learning online since Christmas. He attends regularly and has produced some amazing work, particularly some of his art work which is on display later on in the newsletter. Riley has become more and more enthusiastic with his online learning and is trying so hard, particularly with practical activities. Well done both of you, a prize is on its way.

CATHERINE WILSON

Morning Ride



Distance	10.69 mi	Elevation Gain	119 ft
Moving Time	1:21:33	Avg Speed	7.9 mi/h
Max Elevation	46 ft	Max Speed	15.0 mi/h

Luca's cycle ride

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Dear PRIME MINISTER,

I am writing to you, to express my feelings on Yours and Your Cabinets Handling, of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am quite happy, but I'm a bit disappointed with your handling, and your response. The start of 2021 I agree, on the national lockdown, but I **STONGLY** disagreed with the mixing of UP TO 3 house holds, over the Christmas period, because I believe that spiked the COVID-19 cases and deaths, and now we have passed a grim mile stone of 100,000 deaths. While I have been writing this letter to you PRIME MINISTER, in the last **24-hour period there have been 406 DEATHS and 18,607 CASES**, bringing the TOTAL Deaths up to 106,564.

I think you were too slow I think that you **SHOULD NOT** have allowed up to 3 households to mix for Christmas, I get that families across England Wanted to spend time with loved ones, but now look where we now are, the worst death toll in EUROPE, I believe that as the country's PRIME MINISTER, as MY PRIME MINISTER, That you should put in tighter and tougher restrictions, to help stop the spread of CORONAVIRUS. I Believe that you should start to ease lockdown at the end of JULY

Yours, Roman (AGED 13)

Roman's very eloquent letter to BoJo.



Bradley gets creative

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Key Stage 2

As the half term comes to an end, the work has not stopped in Key Stage 2! We have been busy completing our end of term assessments in our core subjects whilst still improving our key skills in our interventions. It has been so cold and wet over the last few weeks but that has not stopped us going out and about and we have loved trips to Crown Lakes and Itter Park. Nicholas carried this massive log back to school and we are planning to collect enough to make a den!! The week off will be nice but we are already excited to return to school!



Students of the week:

w/e 5th February: **Nicholas, Jordan**

w/e 12th February: **Dylan**

Key Stage 3 News

Falcons

We have had the pleasure of welcoming Aironas back to the group this week which has brought a lot of joy and noise to the group!

We took a lovely walk in the snow yesterday lunch time and Mrs Bailey kindly bought the boys some new art supplies which the boys are excited to open after half term.

Sadly, Aironas didn't get to watch Oliver Twist with us for English, but the rest of the boys and Miss Morgan and Miss Bailey really enjoyed getting to watch Tom Hardy, I mean Oliver Twist, in a great adaptation of the classic tale; definitely give it a watch if you haven't yet! Besides that it has been a standard Nenegate week, we are all looking forward to a little break next week but look forward to a fun next half term. Have a lovely day!

Ferrari

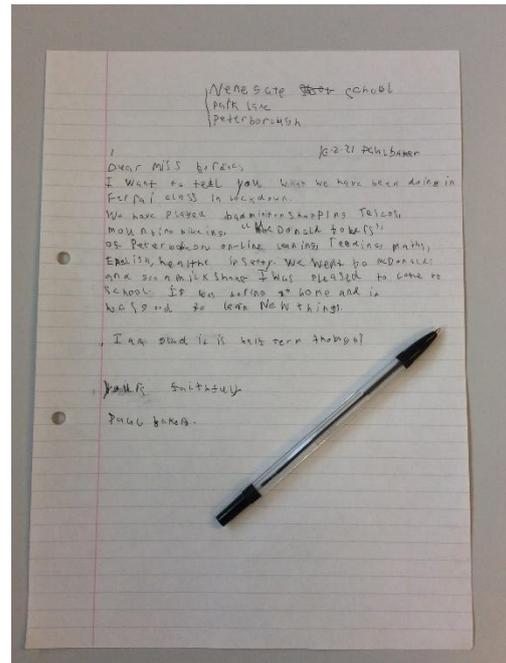
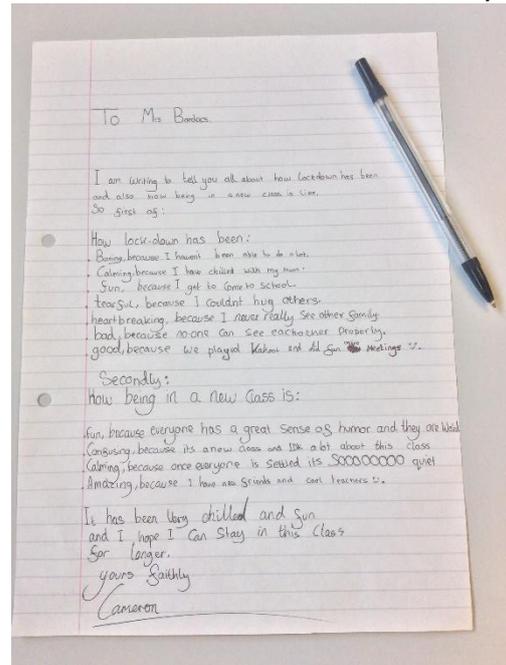
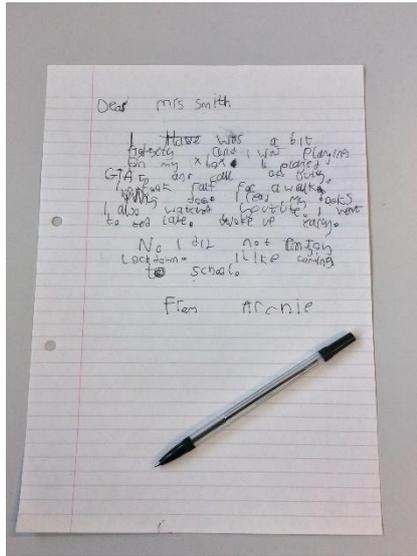
This week the students have done some great practical learning. They have visited Tescos and worked on their budgeting skills and also written letters telling people about their experiences during lockdown. It has been wonderful to welcome Archie into the group.



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Students of the Week
w/e 5th February:

Taylor

w/e 12th February:

Callum, Archie, McKenzie

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Key Stage 4 News

Remote Learning

Remote learning is continuing to be successful in KS4. Students have been working exceptionally hard towards their GCSEs. We will be ensuring that students have opportunities to complete work which will go towards their final results next term.

Students who are regularly taking part have really engaged with learning and I can say it has been a delight to teach them, albeit remotely. Great work and we look forward to next term 😊

"I would prefer being in school, However I am scared of Covid. Remote learning is still a good alternative"

Josh M

KS4 Bubbles

"I have enjoyed mountain biking this week and the common room. In cooking we made apple pie vs apple crumble. I liked apple crumble more than apple pie."

Kris

"I have only just come back to school recently, but I have been doing online lessons which are very academic – based. In school I am more active and doing more exercise."

Ben

"This lockdown I have enjoyed doing online learning, mountain biking, cooking and coming into school in general."

Maccy



"I have enjoyed going mountain biking"

Josh P

"I enjoyed mountain biking this week as we went to Stanground skate park, which is where I grew up."

Caitlin



"On Thursday we did cooking and we made apple pie and apple crumble – it was amazing!"

Jamie

Students of the week:

w/e 5th February:

Josh M, Mitchell, VW tutor group

w/e 12th February: *Ben, Kris*

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