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Message from Mr Johnson

Thank you for all of your support this half term helping your child with their learning at home, or in school. I feel we have all learnt a lot this half term and all deserve a rest next week.

Please be reminded that tomorrow is a training day and the school will be closed. There will be no online lessons or in school provision.

Online lessons will resume with tutor time at 8:50am on 22nd February. The school will also reopen on 22nd for those students currently registered to attend in-school provision during the national lockdown.

Thank you for completing the survey sent out earlier this week. If you haven't completed it yet, we would still love to hear your views. Please also encourage your child to complete the student survey - they will have received an email from SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL with a link.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the students who have raised money for their designated charity through fitness activities. I have been so impressed with everyone's efforts.

Coping with Covid 19

It seems a shame to have to start another round up at the end of half term with Covid at the top of the agenda, but I feel that it is still the most important part of our school life at the moment. The way in which Year 7 are facing the challenges we are all dealing with is worth a mention.

Firstly, attendance for the Tutor Time sessions and for the live lessons has been impressive throughout this period. The classes have been very well attended and registration periods each morning have seen well over 90% of pupils turning up. We have been spending quite a good deal of the early sessions checking that on-line learning is taking place and that we all make a good start to the day.

Once early teething problems were sorted out, lessons on-line have been increasingly productive and all of the pupils have started to join in with the quizzes and assignments that the teachers have posted. As we move into a few weeks of uncertainty after half term, it is essential that we keep up the good work.

Exercise Challenge

You are probably aware that Mr Johnson was very concerned that Springwood pupils might become rather unfit if they stayed indoors for several weeks. He has set us all a challenge of doing more daily exercise and raising money for charity at the same time. We decided to continue our support for the Purfleet Trust and, at the time of writing, Year 7 have raised £285.00. Thank you for all of your efforts.

Thinking of Others

During this time, our tutor time lessons have focussed upon being kind to others and trying to make sure that we all think of others on a daily basis. It has been heart-warming to hear so many stories of our pupils making small but vital gestures of kindness throughout this period.

Keeping in touch

Although this has been quite a busy period, we will try to keep in touch with you all via newsletters and emails when we can. Several pupils have received letters of congratulation for all of their hard work and we have also sent a few postcards home for those pupils who have managed to keep up to date with absolutely everything. Well done.

Staff are being encouraged to award achievement points as usual and so far we have 46 pupils who have achieved their Bronze badges for amassing over 100 achievement points. This is a wonderful achievement. Those students will receive their badges once back in school.

Have a restful, enjoyable half-term.

Year 7 Team

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