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## **Dear Parents**

I just wanted to say a huge well done to all our children and families for managing the challenge of home learning this half term. I am really proud of everything we have managed to achieve as a school. Our school staff have worked tirelessly throughout the past six weeks to ensure that the children are well looked after and are safe at school as well. Without the support and commitment of the teachers and teaching assistants we would not have been able to provide the education with such success and I am grateful to them all.

We have received some wonderful work; our children have embraced the situation and are continuing to make fantastic progress. Thank you for all the support from home and the lovely messages sent in. We understand home schooling is a huge undertaking for parents. Rest assured that we think that you are all doing a fantastic job in ensuring your children are continuing to learn during these difficult times.

If your child has been in school and they test positive for coronavirus between today and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, please let me know on <a href="https://example.com/headteacher@stmartinsschool.net">headteacher@stmartinsschool.net</a> as the result may have implications for the rest of the children and staff who have also been in school, depending on when their symptoms started. After Monday, although I would still like to be informed, it does not have the same impact on those who have been in school with them.

I hope you enjoy a well-earned rest over the half term holiday. Please support our school and community by sticking to the lockdown rules and helping to keep the transmission rates as low as possible.

Hopefully we will be in a position to give you an update regarding our provision in the near future. In the meantime, please be aware that remote learning will continue for at least the first 2 weeks following the half term break.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions please contact us.

Kind regards

Mrs Richards

## Dates for February

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 testing day 8:45am - 12:00pm

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> half of term begins

## Dates for March

**Thurs 4**<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

Red Nose Day – Comic Relief

## Fri 26th

Amended date for the end of term to allow two extra days teaching

