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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well that was an interesting half term! Having said that it is important to look at the many positives that we as a community has achieved since the new year. Infection rates are falling due to the enormous efforts we are all taking to **'stay at home'** but also the amount of remote learning taking place (whether online or paper packs) has continued to impress me. As I have previously mentioned I am acutely aware of our families' circumstances and their ability to put a structure in place for remote learning – it is not easy and we know that we have at least another two weeks of this. Do your best and continue to be strong!

I am in no doubt that a re-opening of our schools will take place as the next half term continues however I am as of yet unsure whether it will be partial or full, I do hope it will be the later. As soon as guidelines have been published I will of course inform you of what the re-opening will look like. But can I take this opportunity to say that when we do re-open we will continue with our enhanced cleaning regimes and bubbles. Not ideal but at least the children will be back in school.

This week has been full of excitement, as the weather has created an opportunity for some of you to experience sledging, snowmen and even snow ball fights. The experiences that some of our children have had is fantastic! It seems such a long time since we had significant snowfall and I can see that you have all made the most of it – well done and remember quality time spent with your children is crucial in supporting their health and well-being. Watching a film, reading a story, playing a board game and generally having as much fun, laughter and cuddles is just as important as learning sentence structure and times tables! Having said that I applaud my staff in trying to provide you with as much 'remote learning' as possible and I do hope that you continue to access this. So much so that one of our staff has even published a fiction novel for our more advanced readers (2 years in the making I believe) – it can be found on Amazon 'The Phantasm Chronicles – The Call of the Cardinal' by Maclellan Moorwood (I wonder who that could be?) [The Phantasm Chronicles: The Call of the Cardinal eBook: Moorwood, Maclellan: Amazon.co.uk: Kindle Store](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08YK1YK1Y)

As ever the school is always here to support you and I will do everything I can possibly do to provide you with support, help and advice. Please communicate with us through normal channels if you need to discuss any issues or would like help in whatever form that may take.

Take care and have a restful half term and I hope to see you all very soon.

Ian Taylor

Final thought:

The Latin name for this month was **Februarius**. It came from the Latin word februum which means 'purification'. The Romans thought the fifth day of the month as the official first day of spring. This was a time to get rid of evil spirits, cleanse the air, spring clean, so people felt fit and healthy for spring!

So remember **'hands, face and space'** – The Romans got there first!!