

### Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, congratulations on getting through the last half term of managing a national lockdown, working from home and supporting remote education or still attending work and hoping that your child/ren complete their studies. We have been successful in working together to ensure that we can make the best of the current circumstances. As of yet the Government have not made any further announcements about schools re-opening but the minute we hear something I will be in touch.

Make the most of this half term and be kind to yourself and each other,

*Mrs Sonia Taylor*



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Press Pause Day

To support Children's Mental Health Week, all students were encouraged to take some time away from their screens last Friday and take part in activities they may not usually get involved in.

Some of the activities our Key Worker Students participated in were making bracelets, bouncing basket balls to 'We will Rock you' (it's a lot harder than it looks!), going on nature walks, yoga sessions and enjoying a chill out in our zen room. As well as, taking part in a variety of activities designed to understand themselves better.

Students who were at home enjoyed activities such as drawing, baking with family, treasure hunts, playing instruments and getting some exercise.

The feedback from students was very positive and it proved to be a successful day for all.



### How to Help a Child Struggling with Reading

I hope you found the audio book information useful in the last 2 posts.

Today includes some other ideas on how to support a child who struggles with reading.

- Enjoy a book together and read with your child.
- Creating a routine of when to read. This helps develop this skill as an adult.
- Reading to your child is important on multiple levels. For example, it builds reading fluency, parent-child connection, and stronger vocabulary skills. I read to my boys at bedtime, which helped us all wind down.
- If they struggle with reading then to keep the pace and interest, adult reads more and alternately allow them to read a small amount (paragraph).
- Discuss the book together asking questions such as – who, what, why when where? E.g., Why do you think that happened? What might happen next?

If you have concerns about your child's reading please contact us at school to discuss further.

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### Assemblies

Assemblies and other important information is currently being sent to Tutor groups as Assignments in Teams. Over the last week or so there have been assemblies on Remote Learning, E-safety and a feedback questionnaire about our successful Press Pause day. We would really like to get parents and carers involved in Tutor time presentations and we encourage you to spend some time looking at these with your child.

### Year 8 Options

Please ensure that the Options form is filled out and returned to us as soon as possible.

We are currently in the process of assigning students to subject pathways and this can only be finalised once we have all the requests. The form must be completed by the student as it is linked to their account. They should have the link in an e-mail sent to them on 2nd Feb. If your child no longer has the link, ask them to e-mail Mr Watson [chris.watson@groveschool.net](mailto:chris.watson@groveschool.net).

As part of the Options process, we have asked all students to complete a Personality Quiz via their Unifrog account. Please could you remind your child that this will need completing. The reminder link to complete this was sent out in their e-mail on 9th February.

## FOCUS



### Random Acts of Kindness

Market Drayton Methodist Church kindly dropped off a bag of sweet treats for all the staff this week. It was a lovely surprise and incredibly thoughtful.

This week, we challenge you to carry out your own random act of kindness. We'd love to see what you got up to so please send details and photos to Mrs Williams

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- Half Term 15 – 19 Feb

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