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We now know that all children will not be returning to school until March 8th at the earliest. We have many parents and grandparents amongst our school staff, and believe me when I say we all feel the pressure of this along with yourselves. We are so eager to get the children safely back into school for face to face learning, but in the meantime we must all persevere with the current situation. Everything feels very different to our first summer lockdown, and the wet weather and dark mornings and evenings do not help. Whether you are juggling working from home with your children's learning, or are juggling children's different times online, or children's activities from different schools, please remember that both you your children are doing a great job! We know from the last lockdown, that when we finally return to school, the children will quickly settle back into a routine, and back into their learning. They will be excited to see their friends and teachers, and school life will soon return to normal. We shall do our job and make sure your children feel safe and get the support they need to carry on moving forward with their learning. We hope that both yourselves and your children are feeling supported, but if there is anything else we can do to support you please get in touch. If we can't help, we shall try and put you in touch with someone who can. In the meantime please follow the quidelines, stay safe and hopefully we will see you all very soon.

Workpacks and Learning Sessions

We have had some great feedback on our online learning sessions - thank you. Both the staff and the children are loving taking part in face to face learning again. We have supported over 40 families who did not have devices or were unable to get on line by loaning laptops and wifi devices. If you are still having difficulties supporting your child to access these sessions please get in touch with your class teacher in the first instance.

Next week we would like you to collect the next sets of learning packs, so our online sessions can start straight away on the Monday back after half term.

Please see below for next week's collection days and times. Please enter through Gate no2 to for collection (except Nursery who will collect from school entrance).

DATE	CLASSES		TIME
Wednesday 10 th February	Year 6 ,	Year 3	10am till 11.30am
	Year 5 : Mr Page	Year 5 : Mrs Green	
	Year 2 : 2F and 2M		1pm till 2.30pm
	Year 4	Year 5 : Mr Pitt	
Thursday 11 th February	Year 1 : 1J and 1V		10am till 11.30am
	Reception : RS and RD		
	Nursery (to collect from school entrance)		

Half term

A reminder that school will close on Friday 12th February for half term. School will reopen and online lessons will restart on Monday 22nd February.



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Mental Health and Well Being Week

This week is Children's mental health week. As we all know there is a lot of pressure on our children at the moment. Some maybe feeling isolated as they cannot see their friends or family, or are fed up with being at home all of the time. Below is a link that you may find useful, where you will find lots of resources and activities to support you to help your children.

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

At Stowlawn we have decided to support this by running our own online metal health and wellbeing day next Friday (12th February). Children will start the day with their online session in the morning. For the rest of the day they will be able to choose from a "menu" of activities which they can then choose to complete, many of which you can take part in as a family. These sessions will range from outdoor activities to cooking — and will even include some star gazing! Children will be able to access this menu for the whole of the day and through half term week so you can choose to complete as many as you wish too. Further details will be sent out next week, however some of the sessions will need you to have some ingredients ready. These are listed below so if your child would like to pick any of these ideas from the activities menu, you have some time to get your ingredients together!

To make <u>dinner</u> with Mrs Morgan you will need

- 2 peppers
- 1 courgette
- 1 large onion
- 100g mushrooms
- 400g tin of chopped tomatoes
- 1tsp of mixed herbs
- tomato paste
- 9 lasagne sheets (can be fresh or dried)
- 100g cheddar cheese
- white lasagne sauce (my favourite is Dolmio lasagne creamy white sauce)

To do a <u>science</u> <u>experiment</u> with Mr Osborne you will need-

- Cornflour
- Water
- food colouring
- disposable gloves
- tubs/bowls

To make a <u>snack</u> with Mrs Sharma you will need

- 200 g unsalted butter, softened
- 200 g white caster sugar
- 1 medium egg, lightly beaten
- 400 g plain flour, plus extra for dusting

To make <u>lunch</u> with Mrs Charles you will need-

- Circular Wraps
- Ham
- Choose
- Some salad / vegetables such as spring onions, peppers, sweet corn and lettuce