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Update Letter: 23rd March 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Day of Reflection

Today is the anniversary of the first national Lockdown due to the global Coronavirus pandemic. By this time last year, Holywell was already closed to all but a few critical worker students and we had started to explore the possibilities of remote home-learning. It has been a truly challenging 12 months and yet it has also seen us all at our most resourceful and resilient. It has been amazing how everyone has adapted and I am grateful for everyone's support, understanding and care. We have all done our best to minimise the impact on our students' learning and wellbeing and, whilst some have found this difficult, the vast majority of students are continuing to thrive and grow as young people. For those who have found things difficult, we have provided excellent support – please remember that we are here to help and if you do need anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In school, we asked classes to think about what was best and worst about Lockdown ... this is what 6SJ had to say:

The best things were:

- Spending time with family
- Playing in the garden and inside
- Fridays when Mrs. Manning brought in cupcakes
- Going out on walks
- Sitting on the sofa
- New pets (hamsters!)

Worst things were:

- Getting COVID-19
- Just COVID in general
- Teachers forcing us to 'do' Joe Wicks every day
- School work
- Not seeing friends and family
- Social distancing and face coverings
- Places being closed
- Not going out anywhere!
- Not going overseas

Today, we are joining the national Day of Reflection and will be holding a 1-minute silence, inviting everyone to come together to reflect on our collective loss during the last year of Lockdown, to support those who've been bereaved, and to hope for a brighter future. The minute of silence will be at 12 noon. I have also put together a short video reflection to watch afterwards – feel free to have a moment of reflection too: <https://youtu.be/AGqCsfpcZ58>. There are further materials on the Marie Curie website <https://bit.ly/394cmSf> including a video from Prince Charles which tutors can share in tutor time this afternoon – you may want to have a look at this together as a family. Our thoughts and prayers are with our families who have been directly affected by the pandemic.



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Red Nose Day

On Friday, we had a brilliant day supporting Comic Relief with our Red Nose Day Joke Challenge and our non-uniform day. Here are some of the best (?) jokes:

Did you hear that the lipstick and the eyeliner got into a fight? Don't worry they'll make up

Doctor! Doctor! I've broken my arm in three places!
Doctor: We'll I suggest you don't go back to those three places

**DO YOU WANT TO HEAR A JOKE ABOUT BOXING?
ERRRR NEVER MIND, I FORGOT THE PUNCH LINE.**

**How many Mexicans does it take to change a lightbulb?
Just Huan!**

A man attacked me last night with cheese and milk....how dairy!

*What do you call a 3 legged donkey?
Wonkyyyy*

What do you get if you mix a sheep and a kangaroo?
A woolly jumper - Holly

**KNOCK KNOCK, WHO'S THERE? KNOCK KNOCK, KNOCK KNOCK WHO?
OPEN THE DOOR!**

**What is a dentist's favourite time of day?
Tooth hurty**

Why did the dinosaur cross the road?
Because it was the Jurassic period and chickens didn't exist.

**Where do hamsters go on holiday?
Hamsterdam!**

*What do you call a French bug that
hasn't had any breakfast?
A cross ant !*

Together we raised well over £500!



Lent and Easter: Non-uniform Day on Friday 26th March

As we come into the last few weeks of Lent and into Easter week, we end our term on Friday with another charity non-uniform day. We hope that some of you have also been persevering with your Lent 'Giving Jars'. On Friday, the non-uniform day and any contributions from the 'Giving Jar' project will be totalled up and donated to NHS Charities. (NB. If you are donating the contents of your Giving Jars, we'd appreciate a donation sum to be sent into school rather than the contents of the actual jars).

With all best wishes
Stay safe!

Mr Simpson