



# Mellor News

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## **Audio Newsletter**

If you would prefer to listen to an audio version of this week's newsletter this can be accessed [HERE](#). The newsletter is read in both English and Gujarati.

## **FSM Vouchers over the Half Term**

The school has ordered £15 vouchers for those eligible free school meal pupils to use over the February Half-term holidays. All eligible children should have received an email containing an eCode. You can redeem your eCode against a range of food retailers to the value of £15. Your eCode will expire on **12/05/2021**. The full user guide will be available in the email sent. The school office team will be available to help if you need any support accessing the vouchers.

## **Parents Evening**

Parents evenings will take place the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> March and will be conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams. Please check your email on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February as the link to book appointments with teachers will be sent out on this date.

## **Skipping Ropes for all children**

We have delivered skipping ropes to all children to enable them to take part in the SSPAN Skipping Challenge and to also help them to remain active whilst at home. These are free and are for your child to keep. More details and skipping activity ideas can be found in the attached letter. If your child has not received their skipping rope please do contact the school office.

## **Home School Agreement**

We ask that all parents read the attached home school agreement which will run for the period of school closure whilst we have some pupils working from home and some from within school. Please do also take some time to share this with your child(ren).

## **Supporting Parents Helpfinder**

Times are tough for many people right now. Parents find themselves pulled in many different directions and children may be struggling being in the house for so much longer than usual. A mixture of concern about covid, work from home and children at home, along with a possible financial impact make for a stressful household. Young Minds have created a useful 'Supporting Parents Helpfinder'. By answering six questions, parents can find out how to support their child's mental health during the pandemic (and beyond). Find the help finder here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

## **The Spark Festival**

The Spark Festival is coming to bring a splash of cultural sunshine over half term, with a blend of LIVE and on demand performances and events for children and their families to enjoy. The Festival runs from 13-20 February. All activities are free or 'pay what you can'. Check out the full programme [here](#) for interactive digital adventures, sofa acrobatics, gripping audio dramas and shows on demand to watch at whatever time suits you! [Download the PDF Listing here](#)

## **Happy Half Term Holiday**

Finally we would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Half Term! We hope you are able to take some time to relax. The last day of term for children will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and the school will be re-opening on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 for Key worker and vulnerable children only. Remote learning will also re-start for all children learning from home from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.