Dear families…

As we approach the half term week we wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and understanding through the Coronavirus lockdown period. We know that this is a very stressful time for everyone and, especially in the last week, we have needed to communicate with you a lot more than usual regarding the planned reopening of schools for key year groups. This is an especially difficult time for us all, parents and schools alike, because there is so much currently in the media about whether or not schools should open. It seems that both sides of the argument feel that they have scientific information to support their case. Meanwhile, parents and schools need to make the best use of the information available to make the best decision possible at the time.

You will have seen over the past week that we plan to provide staff training on the 1st and 2nd of June to ensure that they feel fully equipped to effectively apply our social distancing protocols and systems for when the children return - in doing this we aim to build confidence in our staff and ensure we are as prepared as possible. We will then welcome back children at different points across the course of the next 7 days between the 3rd of June and 10th of June - you’ll have received a letter from your school outlining this relevant to your child. It has taken us many hours of discussion and scenario planning to come to this approach and in the end we decided to base all of our decision making around two key principles:

1. Is the approach we are creating doing what is best for our children and staff?
2. Are we able to look ourselves in the mirror and know that we made a decision to the best of our abilities?

Many of you who are eligible to send your child back to school have decided to do so and likewise, many of you have decided to keep your child at home. These are unprecedented times and we simply want you to know two things:

1. Whatever you’ve decided for your child (you know them best) we will back you 100%.
2. Whichever choice you’ve made, we will do our very best to offer you support and help with learning and how to ensure your child is safe at these times.

All schools are closed next week on Monday, Thursday and Friday in order to help us prepare the sites and are only open to key worker and vulnerable children on Tuesday and Wednesday where absolutely necessary. We hope that you are able to have some opportunities next week to enjoy the nice weather and please know that we are working tirelessly and every hour behind the scenes to do our very best for every child and family within our care.

Stay safe, Stay well.

Steve Taylor
Executive Headteacher
Robin Hood Multi Academy Trust

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**MR FRANTASTIC!**

Mr FranTastic takes us back 50 years this week to lead a history lesson on - THE ‘ABC’ OF 1970… WORKOUT 9
What’s been happening this week?

Click on the Famous and Significant People below to see what’s been going on across our schools and at home this week. We have some really creative and talented children in our schools who have clearly enjoyed this week’s Learning Project. Keep up the great work…