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Dear Parents,

## Headteacher's Holiday Homework

*The following are two ideas for pupils who wish to engage in home learning over the half term holiday break. The outcomes can be shared in the pupils' learning journals and included as part of their wider home learning.*



**Write a story!**

Can your child write their own original story in less than 500 words? There are two age categories; 5-9 and 10-13. Entry is online via <https://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition/login>. Please print out your story and stick it into your learning journal to share with your teacher if you do take part. The competition closes on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Good luck!



**Perform a Random Act of Kindness!**

Barnes Farm Junior is proud to support Children's Mental Health Week 2017 (6-12 February). Many children go through tough times just like adults and in those moments, the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference.

That is why we are joining hundreds of other schools to 'spread a little kindness' by taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. The Week is hosted by children's mental health charity Place2Be, who support pupils, families and teachers in schools across the UK.

**We would like your child to plan and carry out a 'random act of kindness'. We would like them to try and stay anonymous (if possible) and write or draw what they did and the effect it had on them.**

If you would also like to get involved and support the campaign, Place2Be has created helpful advice and resources for parents and carers which you can find on their website:

[www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk).

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half-term break and am looking forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Ross McTaggart - Headteacher