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Dear Parents,

Aside from a reminder that there is only one more week to go before half-term, our key bit of news this week was a visit with Parliamentarian and former Health Secretary, Mr Matt Hancock. Why us? Well, quite a few reasons but one that of particular note involved Mr Hancock's request that one of his aids recommend a teacher and a school that are particularly involved not only in SEN but specifically in addressing Dyslexia. The aid remembered the "best Dyslexia teacher he ever had": Mrs Kim Salthouse. Accordingly, arrangements were made and we spent a good bit of yesterday morning in discussion with Mr Hancock.

The former Health Secretary is, as he explained, dyslexic, but he noted that this learning challenge was not diagnosed until he was almost ready to begin attending university (Oxford, if memory serves). He is currently championing a Parliamentary bill that is intended to increase the profile of Dyslexia. In our discussion with Mr Hancock, we noted that while today's national focus seems to be largely on ASD, there is every reason to help ensure that Dyslexia gains significantly greater attention than is currently the case. The conversation focused largely on how we at CAEA address Dyslexia.

That said, Mr Hancock was pleased to honour a request from one of our classes, 2MC, for a picture. He enjoyed meeting our children and touring the CAEA site, and released the following statement:

"I had a fascinating morning meeting the staff and children at Centre Academy East Anglia in Suffolk to learn about how we can better support children with dyslexia. Their message was clear—every child can succeed if they get the support they need."

Now, a few reminders:

--Friday, 18 February, school dismissed at 12:00

--During the half-term break—and indeed, this week, we ask all parents to continue their covid-vigilance by ensuring that their children continue to be tested, preferably three times during the half-term.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Salthouse".

Mrs Kim Salthouse  
Head of School

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Rollo".

Dr Duncan Rollo  
Principal & CEO Centre Academy Schools

PS: Mrs Salthouse was reluctant that the note that she was "the best dyslexic teacher" be included. In a vote, she was overruled, but do, please, ignore her blushes!