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January Update – No.2

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of our second full week during Lockdown 3, I would like to say a huge thank you. The overwhelming majority of parents have signed up to Class Dojo and children are accessing their daily remote learning from home.

We understand that this is a new way of working for you and for us and this presents challenges for all of us. Teachers are working hard teaching those children who continue to attend school and also managing the remote learning. All children in school and at home are accessing the same offer. We continue to use Class Dojo to communicate the daily learning plan.

We have really enjoyed seeing the uploaded photographs and projects all the children have been working on. The children should be proud of their efforts. Many house points are being earned for work completed and Golden Tickets earned ready for the half term draw. Please continue to do this alongside writing messages of how you are getting on. It is on Class Dojo that teachers will also share good examples of the same work that is being completed in school and we will share some of the work from home. Don't forget to look out for the videos the teachers are posting on Class Dojo.

We are continuing to review and develop our remote learning offer. For your younger children, supporting materials are made available in packs in the school reception foyer. You will receive a message on Class Dojo to say when these are ready for collection. We are also currently trialling the use of Google Classroom with a small group of children in Year 6. This is another remote learning platform that some of you may be familiar with especially if you have children in high school.

Pupil Attendance (Key Worker Children) – attendance registers for pupils in school are at a capacity that I believe is safe for the children and for our staff who are all attending whilst we continue to be in a National Lockdown and are trying to limit the transmission of a potential virus outbreak. Our class bubbles are significantly larger than the lockdown in March. We must keep in mind that the primary aim of this National Lockdown is to suppress the transmission of the virus and limiting attendance in school will make a significant difference to this.

We will continue with our check in phone calls to families accessing the remote learning. If you have any concerns or questions and would like to speak to the class teacher, please ring school on 921 2850. Mr Thorpe is also available to speak to if you would like some further support.

For everyone's safety, please continue to follow "social distancing" when on the school site and wear a facemask.

Thank you for your continued support.



R.L. Munro – Head Teacher

