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Dear parents and carers,

Headteacher's Week-end Letter 17.01.2021

We have now reached the end of our second week of remote learning and can I say to all parents and carers please stop being so hard on yourself. We are re-adjusting to a new way of working and it is not easy at all. Many of you are asking are you doing enough? Am I spending enough time completing work with my child? Many of you are trying to balance many different roles and we cannot compare ourselves to others. The storm we are in is the same for us all but we are all in different boats with different people on that boat with us. Some of you are trying to manage working from home, keeping the house clean and tidy and then entertaining and educating your children. Some of you are trying to complete remote learning with children from 2, 3 or even 4 different year groups. On top of this you are also dealing with the demands of living through a pandemic and everything we enjoy doing being taken away. Some days it may be that all you can manage is to get through the day and keep a smile on your face. It is okay to not be okay. Some days will be harder than others and we are all here for each other. Remember the school motto is to be the best that you can be – whatever that is. No one is here to judge how much remote learning you have done we are here to help.

Currently, we have 123 children back in school as either children of critical workers, vulnerable learners or nursery children. This is around 33% of the school population. As I said last week, it is important to keep the numbers low to ensure the safety of the children attending, parents collecting and the staff in school. In the risk assessment keeping the numbers low is important to stop the spread. The **only** children who should be attending school are:

- Children who are vulnerable
- Children whose parents are keyworkers and **have no other form of child care available**
- Other children identified by the school who may struggle with working from home – for example special needs children
- Nursery children

We have created waiting lists for bubbles that are full and we could request support from other schools in the Trust if places are urgently needed.

The theme for this week's assemblies was around the school value of being helpful and I focused on being helpful to yourself and taking care of your well being. Good well being is around being strong and happy and each day everyone should spend time thinking about their well being. This could be watching TV (lots of staff are binge watching Bridgerton), it may be less screen time, reading a book for pleasure, exercising or just spending some quiet time alone. There are many different things that you can do to help to support your well being. I am walking as I put on my headphones and switch off to everything else happening. I have set myself the target of walking 100 miles in January. Currently I have done 55 miles. Please take the time you need to switch off as it is so important to care for yourselves during what is a very difficult time.

During this week, every day I will be setting a headteacher challenge. This will not link to academic subjects but will be linked to one of my favourite shows – TASKMASTER. I will be setting daily challenges that the whole family could compete in. This is optional and is to add a bit of fun. You can take part in them all – or none.

Task 1 for Monday – Throw a teabag into a cup from the furthest distance. You can have as many attempts as you want, but we do need to have video evidence that you can send in. This can be emailed or sent to my messenger account on Facebook. All entries to be received by 5:00 Monday 18th January. I will send mine out tomorrow in my assembly!

Thank you for your continued support,
Diane Beardsmore
Headteacher