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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Parent Update

As we move towards Half Term and I reflect on the last six weeks, I feel very proud of our school community.

I'm so proud of all our children who have been working hard to continue their learning at home, away from school but with 'virtual' support from staff. I'm also proud of the children who have been coming into school and doing their best in an unusual school environment.

Parents – you should be proud of how you have supported your children through this whilst, for many of you, also trying to get through your 'day job' or splitting yourself into many pieces to help your children complete home-learning tasks - we really do appreciate all your efforts.

Finally, I am really proud of all the staff. Each and every member of staff has played a vital role in the running of the school day and remote learning. Whether that be ensuring the school is clean and safe, ordering food and vouchers for children both in and out of school, setting interesting and engaging learning activities, checking in with children at home by phone or video calls, helping families with extra devices and data, answering the school phone to answer any questions and supporting children with their home learning and engagement. Our hope is that we have made this difficult time slightly easier for many of you and I thank all the staff for all of their efforts. I would also like to mention Julie Carr and to thank her for her wonderful craft packs that have been enjoyed by so many of you.

This Half Term week will be very different to a normal one as we continue to be in a lockdown. This will mean that children will be spending more time at home and inside as they will be unable to meet up with friends. Whilst we will not be providing any home-learning for the week, there are many links on our website which provide interesting activities.

This week we have had 4 positive Covid cases within our school community. This virus is still very much out there and we urge you all to strictly follow the government guidelines during Half Term week. We know that for some children it is very difficult to understand why they cannot go out with friends or visit them at home as they would usually do during a school holiday. However, I ask you to consider not just the safety of your family, but also the safety of staff when some children return to school the following week.

Just a reminder to KS2 parents to please complete and return the Pupil Engagement survey – a huge thank you to those of you who have already taken the time to return it.

I wish you all a very safe and healthy Half Term break.

Yours faithfully

Melissa Brazier
Acting Headteacher