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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Parent Update

Hope you all had a lovely half term break and that the children enjoyed the break from remote learning. We have seen another week of excellent home learning from the children. Well done to all that have completed and uploaded work. Staff will again be uploading content for the final week; please do encourage your children to complete as much as they can in preparation for return to school on the 8th March. It will really help them to settle back in if they are in a 'learning' frame of mind.

Mr Webb will begin his phased return to school this term, however until he is back with us full time I will continue in my role as Acting Headteacher. Unfortunately this means that I will be unable to fulfil my teaching commitments in Topaz Class. Staff have been very flexible and we have appointed a very strong team to teach the class up to Easter, when we will review the situation again.

From Monday 8th March, Mrs Cahill and Mrs Selway will take responsibility for teaching the class with support from Mrs Morris and Mrs Benjafield. I will continue to support the teaching team in planning and assessing the children's learning. All members of the team have taught the children at some stage of their schooling so are all familiar faces and are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back.

Mrs Bishop will return to 5 days in Emerald class to cover Mrs Cahill.

Bikeability ~ Topaz Class

We are very pleased to be able to offer Bikeability cycling training to children in Topaz Class at the end of March – dates to be confirmed. This scheme is always really beneficial to our children, especially as we live in a village with such a busy main road. Children will need their bikes and helmets and the course does include some on-road sessions. There are 12 spaces available for those children in Topaz Class who haven't done the course before. These places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis - please contact Mrs Greene as soon as possible to secure a place for your child.

Brass Lessons

David Bertie from Somerset Music will be returning to continue brass tuition to the Year 4's and the Year 5 trio, beginning Wednesday 10th March. Please ensure your child brings their trumpet back into school on Monday or Tuesday in preparation for these lessons to resume.

Mrs Carr

As you will know Mrs Carr has been providing wonderful craft packs to school during lockdown which have been very popular. She has very kindly offered to continue with this until Easter. Please do keep hold of your finished products as it would be lovely to see them all when we are able to bring items into school.

So just one more week left of Home-Learning, remember that we are still here to answer any answers or concerns.

Yours faithfully

Melissa Brazier
Acting Headteacher