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Week 20 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Thank you for your support and feedback over these last few weeks. Here are the headlines from the recent questionnaires, thanks to all who took part in them.

Family Questionnaire: We had 48 responses on the family questionnaire and the responses were magnificent. Your support and positivity amazes and astounds us...thank you. We know how tough this situation is for everyone and think that all carers and parents- whatever their circumstances- are doing an amazing job. I am sure many will have good and bad days- like our teachers do at present too- but always remember that your best is good enough...and appreciated. We will analyse the results in full next week but please keep any feedback coming in to help us to shape our work throughout February and in to early March. We hope to return to 'normal' school plans from then, of course, and will keep you updated as we stay tuned to the Government updates. Please note that school will close for half-term as planned on Friday 12th February for one week.

Staff Questionnaire: We have recently surveyed our staff about the way in which are supporting them too. I'm delighted to say that the response was 100% positive in terms of staff feeling happy and supported in school. Our team have been remarkable- in school and online- and I am eternally grateful to them for supporting our plans despite their own, very natural, safety concerns and family complications.

Staffing News: Mrs Wildsmith has some exciting news! Her second baby is on the way and she has recently passed 20 weeks pregnancy with everything going swimmingly. Mrs Wildsmith has been working alongside our Y6 teaching team until recently when she switched to Y5 with Mrs Henstock to free up our Zoom Queen, Mrs Fearn! Congratulations to you and your family- we will update parents when Mrs Wildsmith is no longer safe to work in school and on how we will adjust our staffing accordingly. We will update you more generally on our plans for next year with the role that Mrs Wildsmith had been ear-marked for and how we will support our upper KS2 pupils in the near future.

Staff Testing: Please note that all staff are tested twice weekly now and they report their results to school leaders. Staff who test positive will follow the current guidance and self-isolate with their family. This might affect our staffing levels but it does add a further layer of safety for everyone involved with the school.

Sharing Pupil Work: Please continue to share any pupil work with us every so often- or daily if this will help your child. Sharing via email is best as staff will see it as part of their working day rather than at evenings as they might via Twitter. They can also save or print the work where required. All staff are incredibly busy at the moment but we will always acknowledge your efforts and follow up any questions or comments on the email. Teachers can check and respond to Twitter but this is optional and not part of their workload, even if they are tagged in to the tweet. I will monitor every tweet and acknowledge them all, sharing some of the tweets with the whole community too where appropriate. As stated last week we won't share every tweet as we then have parents struggling to find important updates and content. As we approach the end of this first half term we would love for parents to email in some samples if they haven't already so that we can see how children are doing and offer support where required. Please keep any completed work so that we can collate with our own evidence in school when pupils return.

Thank you for your fantastic support as always. Have a good weekend.

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher