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**Week 21 Newsletter**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Dear families,

We hope everyone is handling the current situation well. We've been pushing the importance of self-care and wellbeing all week in school and during some Zooms and we have had Sonia and Mrs Kent supporting any families or pupils in need. Our commitment to children, families and staff being physically and mentally healthy remains a key priority! If you need anything at all, even a chat or a 'virtual' coffee morning, just please let us know; we are here to help children and their families.

I was really proud to see the enormous generosity of families last week when we had a uniform day. Today we have started to distribute the kind vouchers and food donations brought in after a period of quarantine. It is amazing to see that our community spirit has never been stronger despite every family facing their own, significant challenges.

**Family Questionnaire:** We had 58 responses on the family questionnaire when the deadline passed and the responses were magnificent. Here are the results, some statements were not applicable to some families:

Statement	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
1. Communication has been good	58	0	0
2. The school's ethos is clear throughout the plans	57	1	0
3. The school clearly values my child's wellbeing...	57	1	0
4. The Zoom sessions are good	38	0	0
5. My child is being well cared for and supported in school	20	0	0
6. Ensuring equality between those in and out of school	55	2	1
7. The school is providing a wide curriculum offer	53	1	1
8. Feedback is offered to children regularly	54	2	1

**Sharing Pupil Work/Parent Feedback:** Please continue to share any pupil work with us every so often. Sharing via email is best as staff are more likely to see it as part of their working day rather than in the evenings. 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. We are unlikely to hold the planned Parents' Evening in March- even a virtual version- but we will be reporting and feeding back to parents next half term- following consultation with staff and our Parent Council about how best to do this to support families. We will then look to hold a parents' evening in the Summer Term, perhaps even face to face if deemed safe to do so. More details on our plans to communicate with/report to parents directly in a few weeks!

**Zoom Updates:** Our staff have planned to continue as we currently are for next week and the first two weeks back. If the school 'closure' is extended any further than that then we will look to revamp things slightly to freshen it up for staff and pupils.. Please make us aware of changes to school bookings by Friday at noon for the following week and please be aware that printing packs are now done on a Thursday night and ready for collection at any time on Friday with work for the following week. Please request a pack by 3.30pm on a Thursday. All existing requests will be fulfilled unless we are told otherwise and packs won't be printed where they have not been collected the previous week to save wasted costs and staff time.

**Half-term:** A reminder that we close for the half-term break next Friday (12<sup>th</sup>) and re-open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to pupils who are in school currently. The Government is currently aiming to re-open to all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. No work will be set during the half term but daily reading and maths games are encouraged, as always, where possible.

Thank you for your fantastic support as always. Have a good weekend.  
Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher