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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Weekly Update

I would like to begin my weekly update by sincerely thanking you once again for all of your efforts supporting our pupils with their learning in recent weeks. I appreciate that we are now over a month into the current lockdown and the ongoing difficulties of trying to balance your time between supporting the children's learning in addition to all of the other challenges that the situation presents continues to be far from easy and can be physically and emotionally draining for many parents and carers. You have all done brilliantly and as a staff we really value and appreciate your support and efforts.

The following is a brief update on a few areas:

Wider Opening of Schools

There has been no further information released about the wider opening of schools. As things stand the earliest possible date for schools in England to open to further pupils is 8th March. This has not been confirmed and we await more information from the Department for Education in the week beginning 22nd February.

Pupils of Critical Workers

We continue to offer provision at school for children with parents or carers that are critical workers. If you are a critical worker and you feel you will need provision for your child or children at school in the forthcoming weeks, please email me directly at headteacher@egginton.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday, 9th February is national Safer Internet day. Online safety continues to be an extremely important issue, perhaps even more so now during lockdown with so many children across the world using digital devices for learning, play and social interaction. The theme for this year is '**An internet we trust: exploring reliability in an online world.**' Staff will be planning activities around this theme next week. However, I also wanted to draw your attention to the Parents and Carers section on the UK Safer Internet Centre website. There is a wealth of useful information here including some short videos of pupils highlighting internet safety as well as a bank of parent and carer orientated resources. The link is below:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-parent-or-carer>

Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly will be on Thursday 11th February at 9.30am and will be on Microsoft Teams. This will be a shorter Celebration Assembly than usual but the teachers will still be revealing the recipients of the English Award, Maths Award and Star Award for this half term. In addition to this, we would like to share any 'out of school' achievements from the last half term. This may include activities such as Brownies, Cubs, Dance, Drama or any other certificates or awards the children have received. If there is something that your child would like to share in Celebration Assembly, please upload it to your child's portfolio on Class Dojo and mark it clearly with FOR CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY in the comments section next to the photo/ video.

Children will be sent the invitations to join the assembly on their MS Teams accounts and you are invited to sit next to them for the assembly. If, due to circumstances, you will not be with your child or children on the day of the assembly but you would still like to join the online Celebration Assembly, please send a request via email to the school office and we will send you a link to join via MS Teams.

INSET Day

A reminder that Friday, 12th February is an INSET day and the school will be closed to all pupils on this day.

As always, if there is anything at all you would like support with in relation to your child's learning or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our very best to help you.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Richard Kitching

Headteacher

