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Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Weekly Update**

Thank you for working with us to support the learning of our pupils over the last week. It is clear from the volume of work that has been uploaded to the Student Portfolios on Class Dojo that the vast majority of our pupils are working really hard on their remote learning tasks at home and they deserve special credit for their efforts. If you have not had chance to upload any of your child's work to Class Dojo, the staff would appreciate it if you could do at your earliest convenience.

Remote Learning tasks for next week are being uploaded onto the Class Story pages of Class Dojo this afternoon. They have also been uploaded into the class channel on Microsoft Teams. You, or your child, may find it easier to access the tasks from there.

It has been really pleasing to see nearly all of our pupils logging in to join the various Microsoft Teams live sessions this week. The children and staff have become far more familiar with this as the week has progressed and it has already proved to be a useful way of maintaining the classroom and school community, motivating the pupils, celebrating learning tasks and explaining and clarifying learning concepts. Staff have already timetabled in live MS Teams sessions for next week and we look forward to building on the progress made so far. Wherever possible, we expect all children to attend their scheduled class team sessions as well as whole school assemblies.

We have had a few parents request learning tasks to be printed out for next week. If you are one of those parents or carers, please phone or email the school office on Monday morning to arrange a suitable time for collection. Similarly, if you are struggling to access a printer but you have not informed us yet, please contact the school office to arrange for the learning task documents to be printed and collected.

In the wider educational world, there has not been many significant updates that will affect us in the last week. As things stand, schools will remain partially closed up until the February half term break. No doubt you will have also heard that all end of year Primary statutory assessments have been cancelled for the 2020/21 academic year. This means no SATs for the Year 6 children this year. We await further details on what the alternative to the end of year statutory assessments will be.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you require any help or support at all with your child's learning or welfare. The best way to do this remains through the messaging system to the class teachers on Class Dojo. However, staff are on site throughout the day supervising and supporting learning for pupils that have parents that are critical workers so, if you

would like a to discuss something in more detail than a message exchange, then please request a phone call and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks again for your support. I hope you all have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Richard Kitching

Headteacher



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