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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely, restful half term break. It is great to see the sun shining and some warmer temperatures. Spring is on the way.

As you know, the government are planning to fully re-open schools on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We were all delighted to hear this news and are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on this date. We will work hard over the next week to ensure that we are fully prepared and will send you further information regarding the safety measures that we currently have in place here at school to ensure that it is as safe as it possibly can be.

## **Green Flag Award**

This week, we found out that we have been awarded the Green Flag award for all of our hard work looking after our school and local environment. As you know, all children in school, including our very active Eco Council, have worked hard this year to ensure that we are as eco-friendly as possible. Our hard work has paid off and we were delighted to receive this news. A big thank you to Mrs Howson, who leads this area across school, and works incredibly hard with the Eco Council to ensure that we are as environmentally friendly as we possibly can be. I have announced this to the children on Seesaw in my assembly today and hope that they find time to watch it.

## **Parent Survey**

As you know, we were keen to find out your views regarding home learning; thank you to those parents who responded to our short questionnaire. Whilst we are all now working towards school being re-open very soon, it is important that we not only reflect but also look for ways to improve our offer as we know that even when we are fully re-open again, bubbles may have to self-isolate and resume home learning for a short period of time.

The feedback we received from you was extremely positive. Thank you all very much for taking the time to respond to the questionnaire and share your views. The many positive comments have been shared with the staff team and have provided them with a real positive boost. We will, of course, take on board the suggestions for improvement, whilst acknowledging that remote learning is far from ideal and we know that we will never find the ideal model for everyone.

## Children's Survey

We were also keen to seek the views of the children regarding home learning and were really pleased that 186 of our home learners responded to the questionnaire. 98% of the children who responded felt that the remote learning provided is at least "ok," with many of them stating that it was "good" or "excellent." We really enjoyed finding out what their favourite bits have been, however, it was sad to read just how many children are missing their friends and teachers. We know that zoom calls are no match for real face to face contact and we cannot wait to welcome all of our children back to school and get back to some sort of normality and real social contact, which is so very important for all of our children.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are particularly worried about your child's wellbeing so that we can support them when they return to school on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## World Book Day

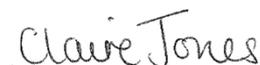
Next week (4<sup>th</sup> March) is World Book Day. We hope that all children, whether they are at home or school, will join us in dressing up as their favourite character out of a book or simply in their own, comfortable clothes (we know that not everyone enjoys dressing up). There will be a range of reading activities going on in school and on Seesaw and we hope that everyone enjoys the day.

## Head Teacher Awards

I have been amazed at how many head teacher awards have been given out in recent weeks to children at home and school. The children continue to work hard and make us all very proud. Those children who receive 5 awards will be sent a certificate if they are working at home. Teachers will continue awarding these to home learners until we are fully re-open.

I hope that everyone has a lovely weekend. For those of you working at home alongside your children, thank you so much for your continued support. After today, there are only 5 school days left before we will be welcoming them back into school and we cannot wait.

Kind regards,



Claire Jones  
Head teacher