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Dear Parents

I hope this email finds you well.

It has been an eventful week that has tested many of our core aims, especially our resourcefulness and resilience.

As you will know, we had our first positive COVID case. I am pleased to say that the child is doing well and that there are no further positive results from any other cases.

Throughout the process, we consulted with Public Health to ensure that everything that could be done was being done.

As a result, we have moved some children's learning online with a mixture of direct teaching and independent application. While there have been a few technical glitches, it has proven to be largely successful. The Year 4 team has been amazing and we have learned a lot if we should ever have to repeat this with another year group or the school (hopefully not).

We have also been supporting children who have not been ill (but isolating due to family member tests) with home learning activities. These have been focusing on core areas of learning to try and avoid further gaps appearing in learning.

While the school will do its utmost to ensure the school reduces the risk, we cannot completely eliminate it. It is going to be long term and please think of it as a marathon and not a sprint. So please be kind to yourselves, especially at the weekend. The children will be very tired (hopefully they will give you a lay-in!).

Please remember

- If your child or another household member is getting a test, please let us know and your child/siblings must also isolate for 14 days (or until the test result allows).

- If your child is isolating, please remember that it means that they should not go out of the house/garden area.
- Please let us know any test results before you send your child back

As with every experience, there is an opportunity to grow. We have reflected on the week, updated risk assessments and discussed learning points - thank you for the feedback.

On another note, the RSE consultation closes on Monday. Thank you for the thoughtful comments. They are gratefully received and we will consider those responses.

On a lighter note, 'Garr' (roughly translated as 'Thank you for joining in with international Pirate day').

It was a real joy seeing so many of the children with eye patches, beards and great costumes. We have counted up the doubloons and thank you for helping us raise over £150 for Macmillan Cancer, a very worthwhile charity.

New look medium term plans for each class will be on the website soon.

So remember, Be kind (especially to yourself this weekend) Be Safe and Be your best.

Warm regards,

Bryn Gibson