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Dear Parents/Carers,

Executive Principal: Miss JK Tomlinson

We have had another lovely week in school and senior leaders have been around every class to observe the children's learning behaviours and to begin to have a look at some of their books. We have been very pleased with what we have seen in classrooms and it has been good to focus on something that feels like education! As mentioned last week we have also had a go at doing assemblies in school using Microsoft Teams, as we obviously cannot have all children in the hall at once. This has worked really well and a Year 6 child asked if I could do an assembly each day. Being curious to get some feedback I asked why this was and he said 'it was so funny Miss because you looked really weird on the big screen!' -well I suppose I did ask.

### Remote Learning

As I mentioned last week we have been using live lessons this week for our self-isolating Year 4 bubble and as expected we have learnt a lot along the way. We know we are not there yet in terms of this being a 'slick' procedure but we are certainly better at it now than we were at the beginning of the week. We have asked all teachers to prepare a small learning pack that can be sent home with pupils immediately, should we be in the unfortunate position of having to isolate another class. This will enable the home learning to commence immediately and we will then follow this up with live lessons as soon as we can.

### Parents' Evening

At the moment, you will understand, that we are unable to offer a parents' evening like we normally do in the Autumn term. However, we are going to prepare a short written feedback sheet to let you know how your child has settled into their new class, with perhaps a few ideas of specific things that your child has achieved or that you can support them with at home. Teachers are also sharing either a short video or 'leaflet' all about their new class via Seesaw. We very much hope that we will be able to return to welcoming you back into school later on in the school year.

Finally, can I thank you for your continued support and understanding with our entry and exit procedures. I know that for some of you, who have more than one child, this can be tricky but it does mean that we are doing the best we can to ensure that children and parents are kept safe and socially distanced.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and find some way of enjoying it despite the forecast heavy rain.

Yours sincerely,



Miss JK Tomlinson  
Executive Principal