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Learning, Integrity, Dignity, Love, Confidence.

Learning together, as we journey with God in Love, we act with Integrity, treat others with Dignity and grow in Confidence.

Dear Families,

5th of February, 2021

Re. Lockdown January 21 – possibly 8th of March 2021

We are nearly at half term! It feels like this week has been a tough one; it's been hard to keep going, with the tiredness of the long, dark, half term, and yet there are glimmers ... of longer, brighter days. Hopefully we have past the peak of the worst of the physical illness of the virus and hopefully we can feel a little more positive about life returning to more sociable patterns of life.

Huge thanks again for those who have sent emails to explain how the structure of the work each day is helping learning routines for the children at home. We are trying really hard to meet children's learning needs, whilst recognising how tough the lack of social contact is for everyone. *We are very proud of all the efforts that have been put in to the learning for the vast majority of children,* and we'd like to capture that next week, just before we finish for a week of relaxing at half term, when school will be closed!

Resilience and hope

On Wednesday in the online assembly / worship next week, Mrs Smith will share some ideas about capturing the variety of ways that **resilience** has been shown and reflect on the variety of ways that we all think about **hope** for the future. We will send what will be presented, so that, if they wish to, families can start to think about what to do. On Wednesday afternoon and Thursday, we would like people to *be creative in capturing the resilience and the hope.* We would like children to share and upload their contributions on these themes by Thursday at 3pm so that they can be compiled, and will form a contribution to the website and some kind of display when back in school.

ALL contributions are welcome. Resilience will be different things to different people. Learning to use a chrome book and persevering in that is resilience; making yourself exercise or go for walks daily for mental health is resilience; limiting screen time is resilience; sticking to the lockdown rules even when you can't wait to hug your family or friends is resilience. A painting of NHS staff might mean resilience to you. Hope might be the flowers, blue sky, zooms to family, being back in class with friends, working in school and not the dining room table, playing in a netball or football match again, swimming lessons, eating school dinner again...seeing the whole staff team in one room!

Feedback from year group staff

At this time of year, we would normally have parents' information evenings. This is not appropriate at the moment and we will endeavour to plan for 1-1 meetings (online or in person) later in the year when we know the government's plans. To round off the half term, I have asked each year group to give parents feedback on the learning from their perspective – what has been going well and what can be improved, since online learning is continuing after half term. The feedback also includes important reminders regarding wellbeing and good online practice. We hope that it is useful and will be sent next week.

Feedback from parents

We would also like to capture parents' views for the half term. We will be sending a Google form to give us feedback about the half term's learning. This helps us to keep working hard to support the children and families as best we can.

Wellbeing

We also have some wellbeing booklets which may be useful. Paper copies are in the entrance way at the school if anyone is fetching packs of printed work. These can also be found on the school website in the newsletter section.

Thank you again for your continued support and partnership.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gruffydd - Headteacher



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