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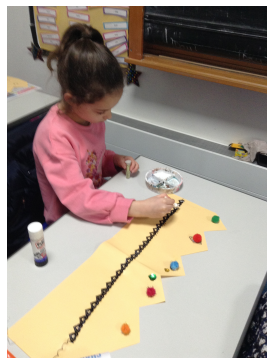
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Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe that Friday is here again and yet another week has flown by! Once again, we would like to say well done to the children for their engagement with their daily lessons – we continue to be impressed by their resilience and commitment to their learning.

With our focus on Children's Mental Health week, we hope that the children have all had a chance to reflect on how they can express themselves in a variety of ways. The past year has seen many children struggling with self-esteem, anxiety or other mental health related issues and this week is the perfect opportunity to set some time aside to speak to your children about their mental health.

Today has been screen-free Friday and we hope that the children have enjoyed engaging in a range of activities away from their devices. The children in school have been baking cakes, being creative, making express themselves hats and spending time outside with nature. Here are some photos to give you a flavour of what the children have been doing on screen-free Friday:





We hope that the children have enjoyed the live lessons offered this week. We have had some positive feedback from both parents and children, and we plan to continue offering these over the coming weeks.

Please can I ask that over the weekend you all talk to your children about the appropriate use of technology. It has been really disappointing that we have had some individuals spoiling the live lessons and assemblies by muting the adults leading these. We would also like you to remind the children that the purpose of our remote learning platform is for school-related communication regarding the children's learning. A small number of children are using Teams inappropriately and communicating with their friends outside of assemblies and live lessons. Please remember that the children



should leave live lessons and assemblies after they have finished and not use the chat function beyond 3.15pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March this year and, whilst the children will not all be back in school by this date, we are still planning to celebrate the day. Whether in school or at home, we would like the children to dress up as their favourite book characters and the teachers will organise live lessons to enable them to share their costumes with their friends. More details will follow over the coming weeks.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Snow is forecast and, should there be enough, we would love to see photos of the children building snowmen.

Take care and stay safe.

Louise Jones

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Headteacher

