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THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We all want to say a huge and heartfelt thank you for the thoughtful gifts that we have received from all of you. They really have raised our spirits and brought an overwhelming sense of appreciation and warmth into the school.

We know that this was a huge community effort but that there were of course organisers leading the project too, so a special thank you to all of you who took a leading role in making this happen.

I am so proud of the commitment shown by the team at school, we are working above and beyond the minimum requirement and despite my constant worry over staff wellbeing they insist on providing personalised feedback, detailed and bespoke lessons, wellbeing support and on top of all that they are also managing to teach high quality lessons in school under very different guidelines. Every member of staff is working flat out as you so kindly recognise and I really can't ask any more of them. So thank you for caring and recognising the commitment they are making.

Parking at school

We have a few parents using the yellow zig zag lines outside the main gates as a drop off zone. This is not permitted and has caused danger to our children this week. Please respect the safety of all children and park in safe, designated places when arriving at school- no matter how late you are! Please also note that the car park at school is for staff only.

We are contacting parents directly where we have seen this happening too.



Curriculum Development information

As per a previous email I am offering parents the opportunity to join me online to attend an information evening relating to our new curriculum offer.

We are developing the curriculum a subject at a time at the moment and are making great progress, but in order to get the maximum impact we would like to work with the community too.

There will be a noticeable culture change in school and this will require working closely with our community to achieve this goal.

Please join me for an hour on either Monday 22nd February or Thursday 25th February at 7pm for an online presentation with a short Q&A session.

A link will be emailed to you all via the office to enable you to join – There's no need to book just log on and listen in.





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Attendance

Unfortunately we do have a period of high staff absence at the moment. Fortunately none are COVID related, but this has put extra pressure on the staff in school and reduced our flexibility to expand bubbles. With the government's announcement that schools will remain closed until at least the 8th March, we have received an increase in requests for places.

We currently have about 35% of our children in school. Nationally schools are at 22% capacity, so we are aware that we are working with quite high numbers of children at the moment.

Due to the high staff absence level and the request from staff to maintain the high quality provision that they are currently offering, we are asking families to really carefully consider if their child needs a place in school at the moment. If you are a key worker and another parent is at home or you are off sick, or have a day off, please wherever possible, keep your children at home with you. We cannot expand anymore without something giving! And the guidance is that we keep numbers in school to the absolute minimum.

Thank you for your understanding.

Next week's home learning

We are aware that home learning is becoming challenging for some of you and whilst we are offering support through our welfare team and with adapted resources we have taken the decision to relax next week's lessons to give you all a breather. We will still be offering the core lessons in the mornings as well as live sessions wherever possible. But Mr Vaughan has found a brilliant art project that will be available to both key stages every day. Details will be available on Google Classroom – but we are encouraging children to be as creative as your home resources allow. I'm giving you a bit of a heads up so you can add craft materials to your shopping list if need be – there will be plenty of opportunity for a wide range of artistic skills- from clay to textiles, or paint to plaster! We just want to reduce some of the screen time and give you all chance to have some fun together.

Look out for the info on GC and please send in images of your creations we would love to be able to display them in school.

