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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another good week at school. The children are becoming more familiar with school routines, after such a long time at home or in school in small groups. We continue to do lots of extra work around relationships and personal, social and emotional development. The social skills of taking it in turns in conversation, using kind words, separation from parents in the mornings, sharing with friends and listening skills are our focus. We are also continuing with our 1:1 Catch Up support in Literacy and Maths for some children. This is going really well. We don't ever underestimate the upheaval in routine the children have had in the last 12 months. The children are showing so much strength and resilience.

#### **Positive cases w/b 15<sup>th</sup> March**

We have had no positive cases this week.

#### **Comic Relief/Red nose day**

Thank you for your support today for this worthwhile charity. Once we have counted the money we will let you know the full amount raised.

#### **Friends of School**

A reminder to let the office know if you are interested in helping our Friends of School group of parents and carers. If this is something that interests you then please let the school office know by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March** and we will organize the initial zoom session for ideas to be shared and plans made.

#### **Safeguarding – Mental Health**

Our new team of Mental Health Champions at school have been supporting staff in the first few weeks back to school as a whole school. They are doing a wonderful job of raising awareness of the importance of paying attention to our own mental health as adults, to enable us to support the children we are looking after. This team of staff will also be supporting families. Remember the importance of talking and asking for help if you feel you need it at any point. There is always someone at school who you can talk to.

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The DFE have sent schools this link to help families and staff:

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/01/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/?fbclid=IwAR3awXZAEdwTP5XSYhIwsveekndH8t7VOOweTIVKubONvyj6t5GXy3LkQVo>

### Safeguarding Hands

The children at school have all been reminded of their safeguarding hands where they have chosen 5 people they trust. This is a visual reminder to children; so that when they are upset, scared or worried about someone, they look at their safeguarding hand and choose a friend or adult on the hand to talk to. Some children have made new hands if their trusted people have changed.

**Designated Safeguarding Leads**  
**Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood**

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

**If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours then the number to ring is:**

**CADS – Children’s Advice and Duty Service - 0344 800 8020.**

### Zoom assemblies – a time to be together as a whole school.

Our zoom assemblies are going well. This week we looked at some more of the children’s book written by Captain Sir Tom Moore. We focused on his words, **‘You can do and be anything you want.’** Some children from each class talked about their aspirations. In a few years time we will see vacancies being filled in these areas!

*Doctor of the heart, Lego designer, chef, teacher, artist, zookeeper, vet, astronaut, horse rider, policeman, cowboy, fire-lady, basket baller.*

### Annual Parent/Carer Survey

This will be sent home via Parentmail the first week after the Easter Holidays. It will be a simple survey where you click your responses. We always appreciate feedback from parents and this year seems more important than ever, to ensure we have your voice in helping the school move forward.

### Easter Holiday dates

We break up from school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March and return to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation,

Yours faithfully

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