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Dear Parents

I hope you and your family are all well. Congratulations to you all on surviving a whole half-term of home schooling! I certainly never imagined in March, when we had to close school to the majority of our children, that we would still be 'closed' at the start of the Summer half-term holidays. As a staff we have really missed seeing all our children and parents, so it has been lovely to keep in touch with so many of you through Facebook, the website and your emails. A huge thank you to everyone who has been engaging with us – it has made a real difference and hopefully helped us all to feel that we are still part of the KWPS family.

A number of parents have told me how much they have enjoyed spending precious time with their children over the last two months, doing things as a family that they hadn't previously had the time to do. However, I know that for others this has been an incredibly difficult time for a range of reasons: trying to juggle working from home, lack of finance, ill health and home educating. I am so proud of the positivity and commitment that you, our parents have shown throughout the last few months – you have been truly amazing. Thank you also to the parents who have got in touch and reached out for help when needed. I hope that we have managed to make a difference. Do remember if you are struggling and need advice or support please just send a message via our Facebook page or email head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk at any time.

I am very grateful to my staff who, throughout this lockdown, have continued to come into school to support our key worker children, including during the holidays. They have also been a vital cog in our support network whether liaising with parents re home learning, reading stories for our Facebook page, updating our website and Facebook page so regularly, making check in phone calls and spending hours trying to sort the Free School Meals vouchers system! It has been a real team effort. Thank you to the many parents for the lovely feedback we have had in relation to the support provided. It is very much appreciated.

This weekend we will be adding an Activity Bingo sheet onto the website and Facebook page which your child might like to try and complete over the half-term. Feel free to use it in any way you wish – your child could either try to make a line, go for a full house or try for four in a row in any direction! They may even want to choose an activity a day or make their own bingo board with their favourite activities.

Finally, I hope you all manage to enjoy a well deserved break from the challenges of home learning next week and have a lovely Bank Holiday. However, please can I ask that you continue to respect the lockdown, as it is vital for the safety of our pupils and staff that we are all as careful as possible as we look to increase the number of children in school.

Please stay safe and thank you for the wonderful support you are giving to your children's learning and life experiences.

With very best wishes

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