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Thank you for a great Term 3!!!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of a very busy and stressful term, both for us in school and you at home. Who could have believed on that Monday morning, returning to school after Christmas, that by Monday night we would once again be in lockdown and that schools would be 'shut'. Obviously, I use that term loosely because, as you know, our wonderful school has been open for the many children of critical workers in our community, as well as providing the remote learning for those of you home schooling.

I want to say how much we admire and appreciate you! Home schooling is not easy, we know. We just hope that through the continuing development our practice, that we have improved our remote learning offer and made your difficult task a little easier. We really miss those of you at home and can't wait to have you back.

Thank you so much for all you have done!!!!



I must say a huge thank you to the fantastic staff in our school too. Being in a small school may come with many benefits, but it also comes with disadvantages. This includes the complex role of the staff. Having to teach both the children in school, as well as deliver live lessons, is exceptionally challenging. In bigger

schools, one member of the team can be dedicated to the in-school work and the other in the year group, to deliver the remote learning.

Not at Monkton! That's why the teachers and TAs are absolute superstars as they are having to do it all! They are a great team and have done everything they can to ensure that the children's learning has continued and you are supported.

I really appreciate everything they have done in very difficult circumstances, and difficult circumstances, there have been!



The great difficulties with Covid and the National Lockdown aside, the snow, as lovely as it looks has not helped. Mrs Warner had a bad fall on Tuesday morning before school and broke her wrist. Being the absolute trooper (and very dedicated teacher that she is), she is back in school. However, please be kind and patient as she is not up to full strength and life is not easy when you break your right wrist and you are right handed!

As you know, Mrs Wilson has been very poorly with Covid. She has now been off for a month and I am sure you miss her as much as we do. We believe that she is now on the road to recovery and we hope that she will be back with us after the holiday. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to her.

However, it has meant that I have been at Monkton consistently for the period, as opposed to only a couple of days a week. I have loved being here every day and being very much part of our Monkton family.

The snow, as I said earlier, has brought difficulties, but it has also brought fun and joy. Watching the children playing in it has been a tonic!

I want to finish as I started this letter – to say thank you to all of you, whether supporting your children at home or in school.

We certainly couldn't do it without you. You help to make Monkton the great place it is. We value your role in our Monkton family!

We look forward to seeing the children of our critical workers back in school on the 22nd February, and hopefully everyone else will be back very soon after that. We like you, will be awaiting the announcements from the Government.

Take care and stay safe over the holiday.

Wendy Stone
Executive Headteacher