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Dear Parent

Firstly, thank you for your continuing support as we move towards the end of our seventh week of lockdown. As you know, tomorrow is a Bank Holiday and there is no expectation that your children do any home learning. Please give them, and you, a break over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Our school has been open throughout the lockdown, including the Easter holidays and the Bank Holidays. Staff will be in tomorrow, providing high quality child care for the children of key workers. Over the lockdown period we have supported fifty three children from nearly forty of our families. Some of these children have been with us almost on a daily basis, whilst their parents fulfil their key worker roles across our community.

During this time, our team have attempted to keep in touch with all of our families, to check in and to provide support where necessary. It's been lovely to hear some of the things that the children have been doing over this time. Thank you especially to our Year One children who sent a video of themselves saying hello.

We began our home learning support through our website. A few weeks ago, we launched Class Dojo, initially with our Year 6 children. Class Dojo is an online communication platform, which enables us to post work for the children, give feedback on work that the children send back and also give opportunity for parents to contact teachers more easily. We are now rolling this out across the school.

Class Dojo is new to us as a school. There have been a number of technical issues setting it up, which isn't surprising. This seems to be more prevalent if you have more than one child attempting to access it. Please bear with us as we iron these out. There are lots of rumours flying about as to when schools will be returning. At present, it seems unlikely that all children will be able to be in school at the same time, due to social distancing measures that may be in place. Class Dojo, therefore, will be vital as we continue to support home learning through the summer term.

Our teaching team will post new work onto Class Dojo on a regular basis. Please do not see this as a pressure. We understand fully that many of you are juggling home schooling, many of you with more than one child, with attempting to work from home. There are also pressures on laptops and tablets and the current speed of the internet! We understand that it is far from ideal and after seven weeks, is probably wearing very thin. Please therefore, try not to stress about home learning. Do what works for you. Encourage your child to read each day, access Times Table Rock Stars and do some of the work posted on Class Dojo. Do not feel that you have to do it all. The most important thing that you can do is to get your child through these difficult times – reassure them, laugh with them and keep them active.

As soon as we know more about what will happen in the next phase, we will be in touch with you. In the meantime, keep safe and don't hesitate to get in touch if you need us.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett