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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to talk to some of you on the phone over the past few days - and I am looking forward to meeting you in person in the near future.

In the meantime, I am getting to know the few children who are in school - and enjoying looking at some of the fantastic work that others are posting on Class Dojo. At the same time, the staff and I are working hard on planning for when everyone is able to return to school.

Celebration Assembly

We are going to try and hold a short 'virtual' celebration assembly for the whole school on Tuesday next week. The staff will be choosing their 'Stars of the week' for either their home learning or for their learning in school and awarding certificates. I will send you all a link on Monday. The plan is that we will continue this weekly during lockdown but it will be dependent on us sorting out the technology and seeing if the broadband will support this. Please bear with us as there is likely to be a bit of a trial and error involved!

Loan of Laptops

Some of you mentioned that it would be helpful to borrow a school laptop to help with home learning. There are a small number of these available. Please get in contact if you would like to borrow one. We will ask you to sign for them and obviously look after them with great care. Please be aware that there is monitoring software installed on all of the laptops and the school receives reports of which websites have been accessed plus any inappropriate search terms.

Free Mobile data

If you are accessing the internet via your mobile phone, then you may be eligible for free additional data to support your child's home learning. A number of the network providers have signed up to this initiative. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, then please send an email with your name, mobile number and network provider to Mrs Thoburn marked for my attention. School can then apply for this on your behalf.

Spelling Shed/ Maths Shed

All of the children have a log in for 'Spelling shed'. This log in also gives them access to lots of fantastic maths resources which can be found here:

<https://play.edshed.com>

The quizzes are linked to different year groups and to the different maths topics which the children will be covering this half term.



A message from Class 2:

Today, we've been looking in the school grounds for signs of Spring coming. We remember planting these daffodil bulbs two years ago and so were pleased to find that they're on their way through. Last year, Class 1 used the daffodils for measuring in Maths and for looking at the structure of plants in Science. There are obvious signs we're still in Winter (brrrr!) and so next week, we thought we'd make some bird fat balls. We'll let you know how it goes.

A message from Class 1:

We've been doing our weighing in school. We found that the staff room box of biscuits was lighter than when we started!



And finally:

If you have any question or concerns, please do get in touch.

I will usually be at Greenhaugh on a Monday and Tuesday but will check my emails regularly through the week.

If I don't know there is a problem, I can't sort it out!

Jo Trotter (Interim Headteacher)