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Dear Parents/Carers,

The staff continue to be amazed by the quality of learning that is being uploaded to Seesaw and Tapestry. They are so impressed with the innovative ways the children have presented their learning; from time lapse videos and Excel spreadsheets to clay models and puppet shows retelling a story. Class teachers are equally impressed with the children who have chosen to record their learning as they would at school and be consistent in their neat precise presentation. Your children would not be so successful but for the support you, as parents provide for them. Thank you.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement that schools will not open until 8th March at the earliest we are hoping that primary schools may open to more children before Easter, although only if it is safe to do so. The science says that transmission occurs more in the school community than in the classroom. It is vital when we return that parents continue to wear masks and maintain social distancing; put play dates on hold; avoid sharing lifts between households and; make drop of and pick up as short as possible.

Considering that schools will now not be opening after half-term we would like to find out from our remote learners and our school based learners their thoughts on our provision for them. At the beginning of next week, you will receive a link to an online survey regarding this, please take time to complete it as it will help us to improve our service.

The government also announced that schools will close as usual for the half-term break to all children **including children of critical workers and those considered vulnerable**. I do think this is a good idea for children to have their normal break from school to recharge their batteries ready for the second half of the term.

Class teachers are pleased to see that lots of the children have continued with the Rainbow Reading Challenge. To celebrate all the reading that the children are doing we are inviting all the children who are in school to wear yellow on 10th February 2021 and for our remote learners to send in photographs of them wearing yellow so we can send them a certificate. We are hoping to put the photographs on our website so please confirm your permission for this when you submit the photograph either on Seesaw or Tapestry. You may also email them to admin@greatwaldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk

Mrs Taylor's live maths sessions are up and running and the children involved have found them valuable. If you think your child would benefit from a live maths session please email the school admin@greatwaldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk



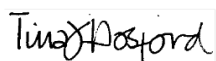
Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and whilst we recognise that mental health is far too important to be confined to a week, class teachers will be planning activities for children that help them feel good about themselves. Some teachers have linked this to the curriculum and others have added optional extra activities. I am looking forward to seeing how the children take the opportunity to express themselves in these tasks. Of course we are concerned about the impact on the children who have been isolated at home for such prolonged periods.

Just another reminder of the website Think U Know <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> contains some extremely useful information on how to help keep your children safe online.

Wishing you a safe weekend with your household.

STAY AT HOME – PROTECT THE NHS – SAVE LIVES

Kind regards,



Mrs T J Hosford
Headteacher

