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Dear Parents/Carers

A big thank you from all of the staff for the all the hard work you are doing; juggling working from home with remote learning with your children. Some children are expertly mixing remote learning with learning in school as their critical worker parents are helping keep the community safe by only sending them in when it is absolutely necessary. A special thank you to those parents too as I know they too are working from home on the days their children are at home. Unfortunately, it was necessary to close the Saplings bubble for two days this week as one member of staff had been contacted through NHS Track and Trace so has to isolate for 10 days and another has a household member with symptoms so is isolating awaiting a test result.

The quality of the work sent in on Seesaw and Tapestry is amazing so we have created a 'Remote Learning Gallery' here in school. We will share the children's achievements in the Gallery with you all on Seesaw and Tapestry. Class teachers have also been pleased to see the returned completed work from children who are working on hard copies of the Remote Learning pack. Keep up the great work!

I know the children are finding the videos class teachers are posting online valuable and they are also enjoying listening to members of staff reading class novels. We are currently waiting, as part of a government initiative, to be set up with logins for each child so we can extend our remote learning to include some live teaching. In the meantime, if your child needs some help with their remote maths learning please let us know and we will set up a remote session on 'teams' with Mrs Taylor. Under normal circumstances Mrs Taylor delivers Success@Arithmetic, a maths intervention that focuses specifically on number and the four operations.

On Monday 25th January Great Waldingfield CEVC Primary School will become part of the NHS Test and Trace COVID-19 Testing for Staff. Staff are to be tested twice a week although for some part time staff it will only be necessary to test once a week. We hope that in taking part in this programme it will reduce transmission and therefore bring down case numbers. We are also hoping that in a small way we are helping in the effort to bring the virus under control so schools can reopen to all children. Of course the purpose of these tests is to identify asymptomatic COVID-19 cases so class bubbles may need to close at very short notice.

Cllr James Reeder sent this link <https://www.keepmovingsuffolk.com/home-schooling/> into school this week. It is a new digital resource that has been launched to help parents and carers build exercise into the daily routines of children being home schooled during the current lockdown. I had a quick look at the website and it is worth a visit. I look forward to hearing from your child on Seesaw or Tapestry via their class teacher if they decide to engage.




As many of the children are spending a great deal more time on line it is a good time to ensure your home network is secure and your child is safe working on line. The website Think U Know <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> contains some extremely useful information so is well worth a visit.

I wish you a safe and restful weekend within your household. (This is especially vital if your child is attending school as it reduces the risk of them catching the virus and spreading it in school.)

STAY AT HOME – PROTECT THE NHS – SAVE LIVES

Kind regards,



Mrs T J Hosford
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