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Dear Parents,

Good News

I thought I would start by sharing some good news. Mrs Stocks had a baby girl, at the end of January, named Tilly. They are both fit and well. Congratulations to the family.

Google Classroom

Thank you to those who made it possible for us to 'see' the children using Google Meet on Monday. Although there were a few technical glitches along the way, it was lovely to see so many of our remote learners joining together as part of our school community. At last, it looks as if the majority of children are up and running with Google Classroom and so far we have had a very positive response from parents. Thank you for supporting us with the roll out of this platform.

Parent Consultations

On the day before the lockdown, our newsletter informed you there would be a parent consultation in February. Due to the current school closure, this has been rescheduled for the second half of the Spring Term.

Tips for online safety during lockdown

During lockdown with increased use of technology by children, it is important children keep conversations going with families about their online interactions, to promote safeguarding. The NSPCC has current advice and guidance which they have just updated.

You can find the article <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/8-tips-for-keeping-your-kids-safe-online-during-lockdown/>





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Mental Health & Well Being

This week is national Children's Mental Health Week. Mental health issues amongst children and adults are getting bigger and bigger, exacerbated by the frustrations of the last year.

This link from the DFE may provide useful helplines and resources for parents and children regarding mental health.

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/01/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/>

If your child needs additional support with their mental health and well-being during the school closure, Google Meets can be arranged between child and mental health lead, Mrs Fletcher, to support your child through the closure. Please get in touch via school office to arrange a meeting if required.

Online Private Music Tuition Message From Music Partnership North

Music Partnership North are pleased to be able to extend the offer of online music lessons to the end of term. Now is the perfect opportunity for your child to learn an instrument. By booking a block of 5 lessons they have a chance to try an instrument before committing to a whole term. We also have a limited number of violins, flutes, clarinets, saxophones and assorted brass instruments available for hire at no charge if your child is having online lessons.

You can choose between:

5 x 20-minute lessons = £60

5 x 30-minute lessons = £87.50

If you have any queries about online lessons or would like more information on which instrument to choose, please contact:

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Regards,
Louise Fletcher
Headteacher

