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Dear Families,

Wow what an incredible two weeks have just occurred!

Firstly, I would like to extend an enormous 'thank you' for all the messages, emails, feedback etc which have been sent to school in support of the staff who have been working so hard to adjust teaching, learning, lunches, access to devices and so on to ensure everyone is as set up as possible for this episode of school closure and remote learning.

Next, I extend another enormous 'thank you' to all of you who have yet again, jumped feet first into remote learning. This isn't easy for anyone, it isn't our preference, but it is 'where we are now' and in true Hemingford Grey Primary School style, 'Together Everyone Achieves More' is the best way forward.

It is important for the children that as a school community of families, staff and governors, we remain united in the common goal of ensuring best outcomes for our pupils. At the moment that looks very different to how any of us imagine it. Yet, keep that goal in mind and when things become overwhelming and feel impossible, return to it. Right now, we are all juggling expectations and experiences that are unfamiliar and challenging, but when this passes and schools reopen, we will all be grateful for being part of a strong community who value the opportunities that education offer.

In the meantime, whilst virtual, we are here to support wellbeing of pupils and families, for those working at home or at school. We have often heard 'Same storm, different boat'. This is so true in terms of everyone's unique situation and unique challenges. We will navigate this storm together and look forward to calmer waters.

We are here to support in whichever way we can. Please do let us know if we can help. As weeks progress, we will continue to update the website. Please do check out our remote learning offer which is on the school website as our 'Core Offer for Remote Learning' and attached and Seesaw, our online learning platform for phase focussed teaching and learning. For those with children learning at home, please be reassured that there is no additional learning provision for the children in school. In school, the children work on the same work, set by the teachers on the school i-pads. The day is broken up as usual with break times and lunchtime. Please contact your child's class teacher if you are struggling with any aspects of the work or need some guidance. They will be more than happy to guide you.

Stay safe, Stay well!

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