

## Keeping in Touch – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear all,

I hope the end of this week finds you all safe and well at home.

Today marks the end of this half term in school and the beginning of a week's break. Even though our worlds have all shrunk and we are doing less than we ever normally would, across the board everyone is more tired and more in need of a holiday than ever. We know that this time has been difficult and challenging for you all at home, and this week in particular has found many, children and adults alike, reaching the end of their tether. Please know that you are not alone if that is how things are in your household at the moment. And despite the limits on what we are all able to do next week, make the most of not having to chase or support your child to do any learning, and I hope that you manage to take the opportunity to have a well deserved break.

We very much hope that every child has now received their special letter from school, and that it has given them a much needed 'boost'! We just wanted all the children to know how much we miss them in school, and how proud we are of their resilience during this time. I would just like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the teachers and TAs for the time they spent writing all of the letters. In particular I would like to give extra thanks to Mrs Brown, whose idea this was, and who worked extra hard with Mrs Fish to get everything packaged up and posted. I am sure that you will join me in sending your gratitude to them all.

This week sees the end of this term's Inter-House Activity, which has been all about 'Under The Sea'. You can see all the wonderful entries and the house points that have been earned on the school website at:

[https://www.keevil.wilts.sch.uk/website/inter-house\\_competitions/487258](https://www.keevil.wilts.sch.uk/website/inter-house_competitions/487258)

Many thanks to Miss Mortimer for all her hard work in organising and running the activity.

Our next term starts on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Although we will be resuming with this model of remote learning, we should be finding out over the next week or two what the Government's plans for re-opening schools are. Just like you, we very much hope that this is at the earliest opportunity. We will of course keep you informed of all developments as we translate announcements into plans. But it is hard not to feel a little sad that we aren't coming straight back to school after the holiday. I have been reminded however of a quote from Winnie The Pooh, who never fails to find the right words in a difficult situation: *"The nicest thing about the rain is that it always stops. Eventually."*

I wish you and your family a lovely, restful half-term break.

Best wishes,  
Lindsey Hermon



Pancake fun in school!