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Dear Parents/Carers

Well, what a lot we have achieved in a week. From Monday's late announcement, all staff have been working incredibly hard to ensure we are able to support you and your child with home learning. We all recognise the difficulties this situation brings for many of you who are juggling the demands of more than one child, home working, family responsibilities etc. Our aim is to try to support you as a family as much as we possibly can, in whatever way we can.

There is an expectation on all primary schools to provide a minimum of 3 hours access to home learning. However, we know just how difficult it is to complete when you are spinning many plates. So, during this difficult time, it is important that you find a routine that works for you and your family. If access to the internet and not having a digital device are barriers for you, please let your child's teacher know and we will support you. Consistency is key, and we are focusing on Maths, English and Phonics. Other subjects are being taught, as appropriate.

The well-being and happiness of our children remains our number one priority. We know that children need to be in a positive, settled place to learn. We are offering a weekly Googlemeet for each class for the children to stay connected to each other and to school staff. If you are not able to make this, for whatever reason, the teacher/teaching assistant will give you a ring to keep your family connected.

We ask that you use Class Dojo to contact the teacher/teaching assistant about learning. If you are having difficulties, let us know. We are also making sure that you are supported by our pastoral team-Julie Smith and Rob Lyth- and SEN team-Liam Alston and Kim Than. Should you need anything please ring, Class Dojo or email secretary@rosemellin.cornwall.sch.uk addressing your email to the person you need to contact.

If you are picking up a hard copy learning pack from school each week, please return the completed pack when you pick up the next and, after a 72 hour period of quarantine, the teacher will have a look and will feedback anything that may help your child's learning.

It would really help us to see how your child's learning is progressing and would be grateful if you upload to Class Dojo as regularly as you can, but at least once a week. It is really lovely to see how you are engaging your children, what learning has been completed and just what effort is being made to make sure your child is not missing out, even though schooling for many of our children is now happening at home.

Lastly, we recognise the challenge this third Lock Down is placing on all of us. Keeping yourself well and healthy is always critical, but especially now. Don't forget to look after yourselves, get out daily for fresh air and exercise and make sure your routine is allowing time to rest and relax. Keep smiling please-hard, I know, when you probably feel the opposite -but children take their cues from the adults around them so, keep calm and carry on, and you know where we are if you need us.

Yours Sincerely
N. Finn
Nicola Finn
Headteacher

