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Dear Parents,

Well another week has gone by but there may be a light at the end of the tunnel. Our Prime Minister did say that there is a possibility that children could be back in school on the 8th March so keep those prayers coming. All the staff are longing to have the children back in school and I am sure you are too – watch this space.

It has been another good week with lots of great learning going on. I have been flicking through Seesaw and seen some wonderful work – it is not only a relief to see but a pleasure. You are all doing so well keeping all the plates spinning and we really do appreciate it.

I had first-hand experience this week teaching Year 6 and Year 1 and I do feel for our teachers. Not only have you got all the things you need to think about regarding the lesson but you also have the management of the children, and the dreaded technical difficulties. I do take my hat off to them and I am grateful because they have just gone for it. The positive feedback you're sending is keeping them going so please keep this coming. Any issues or problems send via the comment@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk email address and Mrs Murphy and I will sort.

Seesaw at home

We have had a couple of questions from those parents whose children are in school with regards to how they are getting on. All the children in school are doing exactly what the children are doing at home via the Zoom lessons. They are also uploading their work to Seesaw so teachers can see how they're doing and offer feedback. If you have not seen your child's Seesaw account then please do take a look and if you can't get access please contact your teacher.

Well-being Friday

As I have said before we have moved our well-being Wednesday to Friday now. Your children will be able to access the session from eSchools. With each session there are some things to consider or discuss at home plus a short activity to complete. It is a great thing to do as a family so, if you have a moment, then please do.

Mid-term reports and parents evenings

We have made the decision to not complete and send out mid-term reports this year. The reason for this is that it is very difficult to assess where the children are whilst working remotely. We can see from Seesaw their day to day work but the bigger picture is difficult to assess. We will however continue with our parent's evenings and these will all be the week commencing 1st March 2021. These sessions will be to discuss how your child was getting on before lockdown and how they have found the work during lockdown. Hopefully, the children will then be back in school the following week and we can really hit the ground running and possibly assess them more formally before Easter but we will review this nearer the time.

INSET days

We have also made the decision to postpone the INSET day on Friday 12th February until later in the year. The reason for this is because we had planned to use the day for the staff to get together for quality training but at the moment, with the situation as it is, this is very difficult. Hopefully, by the summer term this will be more of a possibility so we are currently proposing the INSET day is postponed until Monday 19th April 2021.

In addition, we are going to cancel the INSET day on March 15th because all being well we will have the children back in school.

Finally, as before one of our primary concerns continues to be for those children and families who will be very vulnerable at this time. This could be for a number of reasons, and we would urge you to keep in touch so that we can do everything we can to provide support. If you feel that you, your child or someone else in our community is vulnerable, now or in the future, then please do get in touch. This can be done via the office or directly by email to Mrs Simpson (lsimpson@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk) or in an emergency please use emergency@xaviercet.org.uk, it will be constantly monitored.

Many thanks for your continued support and continue to pray for us all to get back to school as soon as it is safe to do so.

Take care and God bless



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