



# KILLINGHALL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Helping children to make the next step on their learning journey.'*



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Dear Parents,

## Yet More Snow

I truly couldn't believe it again on Tuesday when the snow fell and fell all morning causing the school to have to fully close. I can't remember the last time we had such extreme weather; I think perhaps in 2010/11. I know from a couple of nostalgic emails from parents that it reminded you of the 'proper winters we used to have'. There is snow forecast again for next week – fingers crossed it isn't as bad. Thank you to all Key Worker parents who kept children safe at home.

## Mental Health Week – Place2Be

Our 'Express Yourself' Well Being Wednesday went well in school. The afternoon was full of calming music, yoga, colouring, origami and a range of calm activities. Year 5/6 children, with me, even managed to go for a walk. I hope that at home you all managed to do something to support everyone's well being. I was pleased to see some children having really gone to town with expressing themselves ready for work with face paint, whacky hair and brightly coloured clothes.

If you are able to make a donation to Place2Be that would be brilliant:

<https://donate.place2be.org.uk/?dotype=single&sam=20-50-100&option=personal&value=Childrens-Mental-Health-Week>

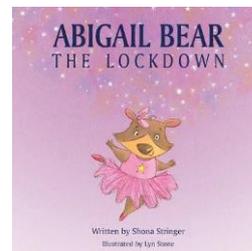
Please remember that as a parent your well being is important too. The pandemic poses serious challenges for families as well as schools. What ever you can do to help your child is all we ask for. Everyone has a different set of circumstances and every family is different - homeschooling isn't a competition and no one should be put under pressure by others. Thank you.

Look at some of the things people got up to on Wednesday:



### EYFS/KS1 Virtual Author Visit

We were lucky enough to have an author named Shona Stringer 'come to our school' virtually on Monday to read us her story 'Abigail Bear - The Lockdown'. The children loved the story and asked some really sensible questions. The book is well worth getting a copy of to support wellbeing.



### Parent Consultation Meetings

Thank you for supporting staff with the Zoom meetings this week; I think in the main the technology and timings went without too many hitches.

### Safer Internet Day – Tues 9<sup>th</sup> February

All the children will do some work on this important issue as part of Tuesday's learning next week. If you need any support please use the links provided on the website. Our online safety policy is also available on the website.

This link may be helpful too.:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-being-social-online>

### End of Half Term Sharing

Reminder - We would like to invite parents to our end of half term assembly on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. This will follow the usual pattern as two split assemblies – EYFS and KS1 at 1.30pm, KS2 at 2.30pm. Where possible can families share one device to join, with the children being in the main image and parents in the background – this means that the internet isn't as likely to crash. We don't do certificates at the moment but will give our usual role of honour mentions.

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Bassitt

**STAY AT HOME**

**PROTECT THE NHS**

**save lives**

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (where this absolutely cannot be done from home)
- Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

