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Dear Parents,

Well what a week!! I really do wonder what else can be thrown at us all. To say these are unprecedented times is now a complete understatement – who would have believed that we would have to contend with some of the worst weather for over a decade as well as a lockdown?

Thank you to all the Key worker parents for their support and lovely emails over the last 48hours. Closure of the school is always a very difficult decision to make but the conditions yesterday and today have meant that it hasn't been safe for staff or pupils to try to get to school. With pleas from the police and ambulance service for people not to go out unless absolutely necessary I made the only safe and sensible decision.

### Remote Learning

The roll out of our full learning offer seems to have gone well, and given that all staff were suddenly thrown in to having to work from home too, some with their own children in the background, I think it was a success. As the children get used to the system and timetable they should be able to become more independent – especially KS2 children. This should enable them to continue to learn and you to continue to work. I would like to add that we have been very impressed with the attendance on Zoom sessions and the work that is being completed – so a huge well done to everyone. Please always remember that your best and their best is good enough.

We are still waiting for French and sports sessions from the external providers but these should be here in time for next week's lessons.

Next week each class page on the website will be set up in the same way to make navigation easier.

Teachers will head you to where the remote learning can be found and the format that it is in.

If you have any issues please email class teachers.

### Covid Reminders

I appreciate that it is hard not to let the children out to play, especially when the snow arrives, but please remember that the children should not be mixing with other households. The Government guidelines must be adhered to. Thanks.

### Headteacher Olympic Mascot Challenge

Thank you for the entries so far for the mascot challenge. If anyone else wishes to enter the information is in the 'pupil zone' of the website.

Thanks for your continuing support in these difficult times.

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes

Sarah Bassitt

