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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to keep you all up to date at the end of yet another busy week. I am very pleased to see that figures on a local level suggest that the virus is starting to reduce in Waltham Forest. However, my thoughts are with all of the families that may have lost loved ones as we have seen the highest number of COVID related deaths reported this week.

Online learning continues to be a huge success and the online offer at Chase Lane is working very well. There is talk amongst some children that they are managing to remove others from lessons but it would appear that this is simply likely to be people's internet connections dropping off. This results in the children then needing to re-join the learning. If this happens it is not a problem, just a little frustrating.

Please see below for this week's engagement figures.

	18/01	19/01	20/01	21/01
Ash	83%	83%	77%	80%
Maple	93%	90%	93%	93%
Kapok	83%	80%	83%	87%
Hawthorn	80%	93%	80%	97%
Cherry	93%	93%	87%	93%
Cedar	93%	100%	100%	93%
Sequoia	90%	93%	93%	97%
Elm	93%	97%	93%	90%
Beech	100%	93%	93%	93%
Sycamore	93%	100%	93%	96%
Hazel	93%	100%	100%	100%
Willow	97%	93%	93%	97%
Pine	97%	93%	93%	93%
Palm	100%	100%	97%	100%
Eucalyptus	94%	97%	100%	100%
Acacia	83%	90%	90%	86%
Sassafras	97%	93%	93%	93%
Baobab	83%	90%	90%	97%
Olive	86%	96%	96%	89%
Oak	86%	93%	96%	89%
Aspen	96%	96%	96%	96%
Daily Avg	91%	93%	92%	93%

As you can see the daily averages are very impressive and classes achieving in the mid to high 90's are to be commended. Cedar class, Hazel class, Eucalyptus class and Palm class, WOW!



Safeguarding is always extremely high on our agenda when undertaking all of this online learning. Up until this week, we have allowed children to have free access to the microphones so that they can have a two-way communication with the class teacher. This poses a small risk as others could access the learning in front of the children. Unfortunately, this happened in two instances this week and the learning was overtaken by an adult other than the teacher. In our '*Remote Learning Acceptable Use Agreement*' it clearly states that:

'Parents are to refrain from speaking online in the learning session, however, we actively promote parents supporting their child in the learning.'

On occasions, a parent may wish to ask a question to help support their child. This is fine and can be done so politely using the chat feature.

Due to the incidences, we have now had to take control of children's microphones. The children can still ask questions by clicking on the virtual hand (see below). If your child wishes to ask a question they raise their hand and then the teacher can unmute their microphone and listen to the child.



I politely remind all parents that we are doing our very best to provide learning to all children in a way that has never been done before. The platform and connection issues does cause some parents frustration and I am very conscious of this. You are all doing an amazing job getting the children online and I admire the efforts of all our families.

In addition, the way that teachers have adapted and applied their craft to teaching online is excellent. I ask you all to remember that teachers really are putting themselves out there in the public domain, as parents you would not normally be invited in to schools to see their lessons. For this very reason, we must all remember to maintain the highest of respect for what they are delivering.

Now that we have come to the end of the third week of online learning we feel that we have addressed most of the initial problems and supported families in many ways to get online. We have a few families who are still awaiting devices and I'm very pleased to announce these will be available from next week. If you require any further support with the online learning, please get in contact.

Our next step is to find out how the online learning is actually going, so please watch out for the parental survey that will be coming out soon. When completing the survey, if you are not sure of a question always skip it and if you answer a question negatively please be sure to leave written feedback so that we can work together to address any concerns that may arise.

The national food voucher scheme is up and running again. Chase Lane will issue the food vouchers weekly to those who are eligible.

A small number of parents have called the school to say that the children are running out of resources for example exercise books or whiteboard pens. Next week we will be placing a large order to replenish stocks. We will then be notifying parents of two days and time slots where they can come to school to collect additional resources. I would advise that you do collect additional resources if you know that your child needs them as we still have at least three weeks of online learning and we still don't know if online will continue after the February half term.

This week we asked parents about additional homework tasks being set. We wanted to know if parents and carers would still like additional work to complete over the weekend. Thank you to all of you who responded an amazing 324 responses were received. You will not believe the results...

162 families said yes to homework whilst 162 families said no.

This means that it is impossible to please everyone. Some feedback requested physical activities that require putting a pen to paper which we would prefer but this just isn't possible at the moment. When school reopens we will return to this. So, for now we will set Mathematics and purple mash reading homework. As 50% of you said no to homework, we have decided for now to make completing the homework optional as I am fully aware of how much screen time the children are experiencing.

For something nice to do this evening with the family, why not watch the English National Ballet performance of Nutcracker Delights until the 23rd January 2021. Check out the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z07hCnl3pyk>

If you're missing cultural trips out with your family, there are free virtual tours of UK museums and galleries right at your fingertips. Why not take a virtual tour this weekend by clicking on the link below <https://panoba.co.uk/free-virtual-tours-of-uk-museums-galleries/>

In the meantime, I hope you all have a great weekend.

Kind regards and stay safe

Mr Jeffery

