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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write at the end of a relatively quiet week at Chase Lane. It is great to hear in the press that the first dose of the COVID vaccinations has now surpassed the 10,000,000 mark. Let us hope and pray that we start to see the benefits of this very soon.

Throughout the pandemic, many families have sadly lost loved ones to Coronavirus. Our thoughts go out to them all. Please join me in sending our heartfelt thoughts to the family of Captain Sir Tom Moore who sadly passed away this week. His actions are a true inspiration to our children representing resilience, determination and a real passion for serving his country. He raised a massive £33,000,000 pounds for the NHS, had a number one hit single and was Knighted by the Queen for his efforts. All aged 100! May he rest in peace and his legacy live for generations to come.



Each week I report on children’s engagement and this is some great information to have but over the past couple of weeks we have been looking closely at the work of children across the school. This gives us a much better measure of how well the children are engaging with online learning. It is so pleasing to see so many children uploading their work onto ‘See-Saw’ and the teachers giving online feedback. True engagement in learning is seeing the process through from start to end. This involves the child attending the lesson, completing the work, uploading the work and discussing the teacher’s feedback with their family. Well done to all of those who are able to find the time to achieve all of that as I appreciate more than anyone how difficult that is for families.

This new way of working has shown that giving online feedback is a very time consuming process and is not as instant as teachers would like, or be able to deliver if they were in the classroom with the children. This is why our afternoon session finishes at 2:30pm online so that the teachers have the opportunity to respond to the children’s work. If online learning continued until 3:30pm, teachers would be working until very late into the evening to get all of the feedback completed. Hopefully this helps you to understand why our afternoon online finish at 2:30pm. I am hoping to start sharing some examples of children’s work to show what amazing things the children are achieving very soon.

Please see below for this week’s online engagement in lessons.

	01/02	02/02	03/02	04/02
Ash	87%	87%	83%	83%
Maple	100%	100%	97%	93%
Kapok	90%	90%	80%	83%
Hawthorn	90%	90%	87%	87%
Cherry	93%	93%	90%	93%
Cedar	93%	93%	93%	93%



Sequoia	87%	90%	93%	90%
Elm	97%	100%	97%	93%
Beech	97%	97%	97%	100%
Sycamore	89%	86%	89%	93%
Hazel	100%	97%	96%	96%
Willow	93%	93%	93%	93%
Pine	93%	90%	97%	93%
Palm	100%	100%	100%	97%
Eucalyptus	94%	90%	94%	97%
Acacia	86%	90%	90%	90%
Sassafras	96%	89%	89%	89%
Baobab	93%	90%	90%	93%
Olive	82%	93%	89%	89%
Oak	89%	86%	82%	86%
Aspen	96%	93%	93%	96%
Daily Avg	93%	92%	91%	92%

We have had some problems again this week with our online learning but it doesn't ever seem to be the children! Please ensure that children and adults that can be seen by the rest of the class are fully clothed. Children should be ready to learn. This includes being fully clothed and have had finished their breakfast or snacks. I also ask that parents and adults remember that they can be heard in the background by the rest of the class so it essential that we protect the children and ensure that we do not use any unacceptable language in front of any class of children.

Thank you to all of those that completed the recent parental survey. It was very positive and we will be sharing the results very soon. The comments and acknowledgements to the daunting task that teachers and staff have undertaken this past year was humbling. Particularly, the parental comments that acknowledge how difficult it must be for the teacher to put their teaching craft on show for all parents to see. I agree with you all, hats off to the teachers! As with many surveys, there were some common themes for our points for development and I look forward to working with the team to address them where possible and share them with you along with the rest of the results in due course. Although this has only been a short half term I think it fair to say that children and staff are ready for the break. We have one week left and we look forward to finishing the half term with the children's continued commitment to online learning.

When we do get to half term, please be sure to limit your child's screen time as much as possible during the break. Next Thursday and Friday there will be an opportunity to pick up an activities pack from the school office. The pack will contain glue, tape and other resources. The pack will contain enough materials for 9 days' worth of creative activities and 9 days' worth of physical activities to get the children moving and creating. In order to complete some of the tasks you might need some basic household goods that most families will have in their home. You might want to start stock piling your dry recycling goods that the children might want to use. Cardboard boxes etc.

The children in years' Reception to Year 6 will be welcome to upload images of any of the fun things that they do during half term. This is to help the children with their sense of belonging but please be aware I am not expecting teachers to make comments on them as it supposed to be their break too! The teachers have agreed to approve the children's posts so that all can get to see them.

Some of you may be wondering where our regular newsletter has gone. This will return on a weekly basis when school is fully open to all children. In the meantime, we will be providing a monthly newsletter and my weekly updates.

Stay safe everyone, have a great weekend and maybe even enjoy the snow if the weather reports are correct!

Kind regards
Mr Jeffery

