

Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

I just want to send you all a huge thank you for all of your support over this half term. The work happening on Google Classroom, TTRS, Purple Mash, IXL etc, is just outstanding.

As a mum as well as a Head, I really want to put all of your minds at ease. We are very realistic here in school and we know how incredibly hard some days can be engaging in remote learning. Nobody has chosen to home school and everyone has just stepped up in the best way they can.

As the half term has progressed I am increasingly aware of everyone's mental health and wellbeing; I have received lots of anxious calls from parents feeling they aren't 'doing enough'. I really want to send my reassurance to you all that you are 'doing enough'. You are keeping your children and families safe...if that means the occasional movie and PJ day for everyone's emotional wellbeing then so be it.

In school all we ask is that your child tries to engage with one live lesson a day in EYFS/KS1 and two a day (if possible) in KS2. We would love to see submitted work but appreciate everyone has different pressures (with LOTS of parents trying to juggle working from home with caring for multiple children). Routine is key, encourage your child to be up and dressed each day to hello to their teacher on their Google Meet; if you then have a day when work becomes a battle ground then stop, have a break, do something else and come back to it later in the day or later in the week.

When school reopens again fully all we want to see are happy, healthy, smiling children-our job as educators is to fill gaps and help children catch up-we can't do this if children are not emotionally well.

We only have seven more school days left until half term, when I insist on some muchneeded screen switch off time and plenty of fresh air.

In the words of the inspirational Captain Sir Tom Moore, "Please remember tomorrow is a good day and we will get through it in the end."

Sending prayers to you all,

Mrs Rehbohm

Serve the Lord in gladness

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