

4<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers



### Let's aim for that tree!

Firstly, I wanted to include this wonderful image and quote from Charlie Makesy because I thought it was very apt at the moment. We are hugely grateful to all of our families for their efforts in supporting their children during this time. As we continue to be uncertain about a return date, I wanted us to focus on what we do know. We all have one full week and the remainder of this week to give everything we can to the children's learning before a very well earned break! When we are back after half term, we have a very exciting 'Beat the Teacher' set of challenges planned which we will tell you about soon.

### Children's Mental Health Week

We hope that your children have enjoyed the activities which have been planned for them across the school. Teachers have been really keen to help children raise awareness of their own mental health, as well as finding ways in which they can improve their mental health. Please raise any questions you may have about these tasks when you are contacted by the school staff at home or when you pick your child up at the end of the day.

### Asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing

As you may well have read in the media, along with all primary schools nationally, we are operating a system of optional COVID-19 testing for all staff. Asymptomatic staff, who are taking part in the programme, will be testing twice a week. For this reason, we may become aware of positive cases of coronavirus in the school as a result of the testing. The measure should help to prevent the spread of the virus. In the event that anyone tests positive, we will be contacting all of those children and adults who have been in contact with the positive case so that they can isolate.

### Parent/Carer Consultation Appointments

All of the teachers will be making themselves available from 2pm – 6pm for parent/carers consultation appointments on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We understand that due to the weekly contact you are currently having with the staff team at school about your child's education at the moment, you may decide that a further appointment is unnecessary. Therefore, there is no obligation to book an appointment when you are emailed by the school office, but the opportunity is there for any families who wish to.

### Weekly assemblies

We continue to record weekly assemblies so that we can celebrate the huge number of children who are demonstrating an incredible attitude to their learning. It is just one of the ways that we are trying to connect with all of our families, so that all of the children know that they are all involved in working and achieving together.

### National Curriculum Tests

You may have already heard that all of the national curriculum tests have been cancelled for the academic year 2020/2021. This means that the children will not sit any national curriculum tests in Year 2 or Year 6. The school will continue to assess the children from their classwork, as well as using some internal testing. This is so that we can ensure we pass on as much accurate assessment of the children to their next teachers both within Kingsham and for the children's secondary schools.

We hope you have a great weekend.

Best wishes



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