

Thursday 21st January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you well.

As you may be aware, I was due to have a small operation at the start of January. Due to some unforeseen medical issues this was postponed and I will now be having the procedure next Monday. As such, I have been working from home over the last week.

I have been speaking with Mrs Bevan and other members of staff daily and just wanted to let you know how very proud I have been to hear such positive reports, both about the enthusiasm of your children towards their home learning and the support and encouragement that you are giving them.

I cannot begin to tell you how hard the staff are working to provide such high-quality teaching and learning for our children. They are working long hours in the most difficult of circumstances while also juggling the needs of their own families. However, during our SLT meeting yesterday, I asked them if their workload was sustainable and was delighted to hear about what is keeping them all going...YOU!

Our staff say that they are motivated by the fact that your children "turn up" and try their hardest. They feel a great sense of privilege to be "invited" in to your homes; to get to know your family (including your pets!) more personally, and they very much appreciate your support and positivity.

And so from the bottom of our hearts, thank you. Thank you for being human and for keeping everything that we have worked so hard to build within our school "alive". Togetherness is about much more than physicality; togetherness is strength, togetherness is courage and togetherness is the key to success.

With warmest wishes and much gratitude.

Steph Matthews

Headteacher