



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher: Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

January often feels like the longest month of the year. The days are short, the weather isn't too good and everyone is still recovering from eating too many mince pies at Christmas – although that last one might just be me. Being in lockdown this year is making it harder.

What I know from speaking to parents, staff and my own family this week is that home learning is not always easy. However, last week over 90% of children were logging on and doing all the work and those that weren't had a valid reason for not. I expect when we look at the figures at the end of the day today that it will up to the magic 100%.

We have always tried to make our home learning work for you at home with your children. There will be difficult days and there will be great days. Some days the children will be keen and some days less keen. Mr Duff messaged me last weekend saying he had just heard Ronan Keating singing 'Life is a Rollercoaster' on the radio and this was a good analogy for the current situation. I did question his musical choices, but he was right, there are ups and downs.

As parents we sometimes feel guilty if we aren't doing what we think is our best for our children. However, I can assure you, all of you are doing a fantastic job. Stick with it, we are already a third of the way through the half term and we'll be back in school in no time. Don't beat yourself up if a day doesn't go to plan.

I'm going to finish by looking at some of the 'Ups' on the rollercoaster. Firstly, all of us, parents (and grandparents), children and staff have developed some amazing new IT skills. Secondly, the engagement with home learning has been amazing. Thirdly, it's the weekend – enjoy it.

Access to remote learning via games consoles

Children are able to use an Xbox or Playstation games console instead of a laptop or tablet to access Teams. You can do this on the following devices: Xbox One, Xbox Series S, Xbox Series X, PlayStation 4, PlayStation 4 Pro or PlayStation 5. It just needs to have a working USB keyboard.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.pocket-lint.com/apps/news/google/155204-how-to-use-google-classroom-on-xbox-and-playstation>



Stars of the Week

| RS | RT | 1P | 1PR | 2B | 2G | 3A |
|----------------|--------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Charlie Daniel | George | Jake | Teddy Jack | Jessica Stanley | Kai | Zachary Harry R |
| 3B | 4D | 4K | 5R | 5S | 6PA | |
| Daisy | Sophie | Freddie George | Bethany Hayden | Kye | Patrick Liam R | |

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