



4<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe in this difficult time. Firstly, may I say we all continue to find things a challenge at present but appreciate we are all trying to do our best for the children in our care. The children are showing real resilience and dedication, with online learning, home learning and enjoying social and reading time online. Thank you for your continued support with all the pressures we are all under in balancing work, learning and life at present but you are all doing a great job.

Teachers are continuing to develop online learning and try to take different approaches to keep things fresh and engaging. One thing which we really value is the children attending online events as a class. These are important for wellbeing and the children benefit greatly from these. I have been lucky enough to attend a few of these and the children's energy and smiles are always uplifting. We continue to have laptops available for home use, please contact school to arrange a delivery if you need one.

I hope you enjoyed the non-screen day which seems to have been very well received and a welcome break from the normal routine. Thank you for sharing the different activities that you all participated in. Next week on Tuesday, is Internet Safety Day and the theme this year is "An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world". All the children will take part in activities to help the children keep safe online which is more important than ever at present. Keep an eye on Twitter for further activities also.

Next week is the last week before half term and we are going to invite all the children to join us on a TEAMS Assembly at 10 o'clock on Friday 12th February. Invites will come through Tapestry or the children's TEAMS account from Year 1 to Year 6. It would be lovely to see as many children as possible attending.

As part of our 'Track and Trace' role we still need to report COVID cases in the community so we would ask that if any cases occur in your immediate family please notify the school through [head@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk)

Finally, as I am sure you are aware, the Government have announced a preliminary date of March 8th as a return date to school. We are hoping that this will be achievable and that all our children will come back to school with our normal days and routine. Meanwhile, keep up the great work, stay safe and keep positive.

Yours sincerely

Mr D W Hodgson