

**Message from Mr. Pavey**

It has been another busy week for everyone and I know that those of you working so hard at home will be looking forward to a couple of days off Remote Learning. We do really appreciate how hard it is supporting children through their Remote Learning at the same time as coping with all the rest of your jobs at home, including your own employment.

It has been upsetting this week to read that the numbers of deaths related to COVID19 is increasing so rapidly and although there is some indication that the rates of infection are slowing, they are still very high. It is a stark reminder that we need to continue to follow the rules. Parents/Carers keeping their children at home remains a huge part of the strategy to reduce the rate of infection so thank you for doing so and only sending your children in if it is the last resort.

I have been looking at a lot of the children's work on ClassDojo and Teams and I am so impressed with how well everyone is doing. I am fortunate as my children are in secondary school and are relatively independent with their Remote Learning, I know that this is not the case for most of the Parents/Carers of primary aged children and we know how much work it takes to support your children to engage with the Remote Learning. When looking through the work the children are doing, it is clear that they are continuing to learn and I am certain that it is worth the effort. I am so impressed with the levels of engagement and our overall engagement is above 90% - well done everyone!!

It is usual for us to have an official Parents' Evening at this time of year but obviously times are very challenging. As always, if you want to discuss anything with your child's class teacher, please don't hesitate to contact them and they will be more than happy to get in touch to discuss these matters over the phone. You should have received the latest Interim report last week from your child's class teacher, if you have not received your copy, please get in touch with them directly or a member of the Senior Leadership team by the email below. There is always someone in the school office during the school day so you can get in touch by phone too.

Remember if you need anything, please email: [vaneroadparents@durhamlearning.net](mailto:vaneroadparents@durhamlearning.net)

**Head Teacher Assembly**

Thank you to everyone who joined me on Monday morning for the assembly. We had well over 100 people joining live and many more watching the recording later. This can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

I will be trying to do the same again on Monday at 9:05am. The theme will be 'learning from our past mistakes' with a brief mention of International Holocaust Remembrance Day which is on 27<sup>th</sup> January.

To join the Assembly live, click on the link below just before 9:05am on Monday or you can use the same link to watch the recording afterwards.

[Head Teacher's Assembly 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 9:05am](#)