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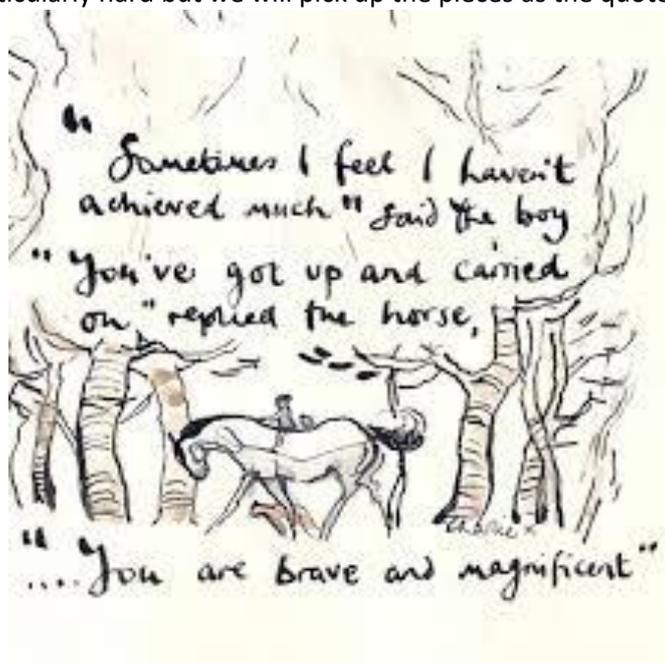
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## Headteacher Update 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

On behalf of the school staff to all of you and our school community – well done for showing determination, resilience, enthusiasm and motivation (we know that's gone up and down - don't worry). Everything you and the children have done is helping us to succeed together in this lockdown. Fingers crossed that all our efforts have ensured that we can re-open the school soon to all our pupils. Children are resilient and we saw in the autumn term that learning gaps can be closed. I know this lockdown has been particularly hard but we will pick up the pieces as the quote below says:



Thank you for all being brave and magnificent.

It's so important that we don't become complacent during half-term so we can all enjoy the break and hopefully come back to either remote, or face to face learning (for children considered vulnerable or children of critical workers) safely.

Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to share the attached leaflet with you as a reminder of what we all can and cannot do during the lockdown restrictions. Please do take the time to read it and remind your children that for now, we all have to play our part to protect ourselves, our families and our friends.



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### **Remote Learning Review and Feedback**

Thank you to all the parents/carers that have been kind enough to feedback to staff about remote learning and reporting.

In terms of offering feedback to parents we have decided to go with the majority of parents/carers who wanted a phone call or Zoom with teachers in this term and a report in the summer term.

We will hold Parent/Carer/Teacher consultations the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 and bookings for appointments will be open the previous week. These will take the form of a phone call or '10 minute 'Zoom' call. More detailed information will come out nearer the time.

A summer report will come out at the beginning of July. The format of the report will be shared at the summer term Parent Forum.

After half term, until we fully open, we are changing our **Thursday Zoom** sessions to provide another opportunity for children to interact around their learning. This is what has been organised for each year group – some of these sessions are already operating but we felt we needed to offer consistency across the school. Please note Y3 do their session in the afternoon.

### **Thursday Zooms**

**Year 3** – 13:30-14:00 3L curriculum based session, 14:00-14:30 3J curriculum based session, 14:30-15:00 - general session

**Year 4** – 10:00-10:30 Show and Tell (Curriculum focused), 10:30-11:45 Drop in for aid with work

**Year 5** – 09:00-10:30 – 1-2-1 drop-ins, 10:30- 11:00 is for all children and we will be sharing work

**Year 6** – 9.30-11:00 group share – time to be confirmed and sent out during the week. 11.00-11.30 Year group touch base

### **Mrs Evans Assemblies**

The next weekly 'Live' assembly will be on **Friday 26th February at 09:05**. This is the new link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75703348867?pwd=WHdzSG1qUVlnQklkMkk1M1dBStWUT09>

**Meeting ID: 757 0334 8867**

**Passcode: 7u2SKN**

Congratulations to all the children whose work was put forward for a Head Teacher Award.

I had a peek at children's seesaw posts on teacher recommendations.

This week's winners were:

Y3 – Roma and Amelie (correction from last week!)

Y4 – Jacob K - great posts on the Vikings

Y5 – all of Year 5 for fabulous effort with their dream-catchers!

Y6 – Hanna W & Muzzammil



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If you have any information or pictures you want share for our circumnavigation of the world, send your work / activity that you want to share to [schoolteachers@pixmore.herts.sch.uk](mailto:schoolteachers@pixmore.herts.sch.uk), **subject line – Around the World in 80 days - child's initials and year group**. We managed to get to Egypt so now we are heading to Dubai!

### **MarvellousMe App - update**

Those of you with the MarvellousMe App should now be able to access a number of new links on the app via 'Quick Links'. You are now access Home Learning, newsletters and can email the teachers all from the app. We hope this streamlines our communication with parents/carers.

### **Help & Support**

As always please contact the school if you need any help or want to speak to another adult about any issues, we will do our best to listen and help where we can. School staff are regularly contacting families; you might find a call from a number withheld come up so please answer if you can or phone the school back and we can find out who called you and get them to ring you back.

If your query is related to the Remote Learning please contact the Year group teachers in the first instance on [schoolteachers@pixmore.herts.sch.uk](mailto:schoolteachers@pixmore.herts.sch.uk).

### **Covid Contact - Half term**

The school admin email address will be checked by midday from Friday 12<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Please let us know if you or child has shown symptoms and or tested positive for COVID-19, especially if your child has attended school as part of critical worker and vulnerable child year group 'bubbles'. A positive test at the first half of the half term will impact on staff and families of that group and the ability for us to open after half term, so it is vital we know and helps us control the spread of this virus.

Here is a lovely picture of the 'Winter's Child' - Winners Display. The weather over these few weeks has certainly felt like 'winter' is staying with us – I don't mind cold and sunny days but the wind has been 'bone-chilling'!



Mister G (the grandson) has been out collecting icicles on our walks (I currently have 3 in the freeze!)



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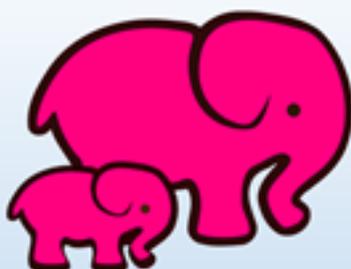
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Have you spotted or taken any 'frozen' winter pictures? – Perhaps you can send them to me via the school email account? Wrap up warmly, add to those kilometres and make sure you have a hot drink when you return home!

Take Care – hope to be a 'whole' school soon!

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**Are you a parent with a child under 6?**

**Research needs you!**

**We're carrying out research into memory and sleep in parents.**

**You would be required to complete a memory game on your phone and answer some questions about your daily activities.**

**You would be entered into 3 prize draws if you complete the study.**