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Happy Friday everyone,

It was a dramatic beginning to the week with sudden snow and a necessary closure for reasons of safety so thank you to all of you for your patience and understanding. However, we were delighted to see that the learning continued, with remote learning set for the day and so many of you logging on and learning online. Staff were genuinely impressed by the engagement; it really repaid their efforts.

It must be said how hard staff are working here, not only setting work and giving feedback but innovating their curriculum offer, developing further ways to present learning and be together whilst we are apart. I am encouraging them to offer you the best they can and improve that offer all the time, but also to consider their work-life balance at this difficult period, with their other commitments, family lives and lockdown a real fact for everyone. All the work is seen and valued and we are genuinely delighted by the depth of learning, the wide range of experiences you are having and the exciting recordings and photos you upload to the Class Notebook. Marvellous stuff. You're working hard too, in difficult circumstances, but remember mums, dads and carers - don't put yourself under too much pressure. Pace yourselves and give yourselves a break. You are doing a tremendous job and we are proud of you.

Remember, if you have any issues with home learning you can call or email the office for advice or ask for help via Seesaw and the Teams chat during the school day. We'll try to respond as quickly as possible. The member of staff may be teaching, but will respond as soon as they can. There are "How To" videos building up on the [remote learning](#) page, and all kinds of stories in the [Wycheanory Channel](#) on MS Stream.

School Milk

The dairy has confirmed that, from Monday, they will be able to resume delivery of milk for those children currently coming into school that are entitled to free school milk. Please contact the school office if you had previously ordered milk but no longer wish your child to receive this.

Lunches

NHS change4life has come up with some inspiration for healthy and cheap lunches during lockdown which you might like to try.  
<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

Safety

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in our local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery. Network rail asks that we share the relevant safety video with parents of children in Key Stage 2 as there has been a spike in trespassing. Remember 15 mins can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people. They have made things easier for you to watch the free safety videos by just entering the email [railsafety@learnliveuk.com](mailto:railsafety@learnliveuk.com) when you first watch the videos. **Please click on the link below to view the relevant safety video: Primary school version: Age 7- 11**

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>

As part of [Children's Mental Health Week](#), we will be integrating work on good mental health into our curriculum and would encourage you to talk to your children about their wellbeing and perhaps, where appropriate, engage with some of the resources being made available at this time.

We will also be observing [Inside-Out Day](#) on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Pupils and staff will wear an item of clothing inside out as a reminder that how someone else looks on the outside doesn't necessarily reflect how they are truly feeling on the inside.

Remember to look after yourselves too. These are dark days so find the light wherever you can and always ask for help if you need it. It is always better to talk.

Remember [Worcestershire's Here2Help](#) line for Covid-related pressures and the Wyche website's [mental health and wellbeing](#) page.

I wish you a happy and healthy weekend,

Take care,

Stephen Murphy, Headteacher