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Parent/ Carer Update 15th January

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly I would just like to say thank you to you all for your support in this last week and the engagement from children on their Google Classrooms. We have been absolutely blown away by the children's efforts and determination to continue with their learning during this period of time. Whilst we are missing seeing them all in school it has been lovely to stay connected through the many videos, pictures and pieces of work that they have been submitting. Our Google Meet assembly this morning was a particular highlight for me and has made my day seeing lots of their faces!

I would again like to recognise that this is a challenging time with many of us trying to juggle work, childcare and other responsibilities with everyone's circumstances being different. Please be reassured that our message will continue to be that you know what will work for your family and what is feasible to achieve. As always if there is anything we can do to support you with this then do not hesitate to get in contact with us – we are all still here for you. Remember to please be kind to yourselves. Some days will be easier than others but try to focus on the positives in each of them. There are lots of things on social media and on the news at the moment that can sometimes affect how we're feeling. These are just snapshots and I would urge you not to compare what you are doing with others or not to feel like you are not doing enough. We are all doing our best in these challenging circumstance and we really do appreciate your efforts.

From our end we will continue to review our approach to remote learning to best meet the needs of our families and will be seeking your support in this. We will send a link out to a brief survey next week to gather your feedback.

In the meantime stay safe and wishing you all a relaxing weekend ahead.

Mrs Davies and all at St Martin's Primary