



Thank you...



As always, we have had some wonderful support from you over the last three weeks since we returned after Christmas – albeit for only one day for most of you!  It has been unsettling, challenging and worrying for many of us. I wanted to say a simple; **Thank you**. The emails, messages and gifts have been so gratefully received and mean so much to the team. 



Home-Learning...

I wanted to repeat, following my previous letter, that we never want families to feel under any unnecessary pressure, or to cause any anxiety with regard to home learning. We are being held accountable by OFSTED, DFE and Local Authority to provide the level of learning you are getting, but it is our policy at Horn's Mill to make this as bespoke as necessary for our families. PLEASE let us know if you are struggling with it and the teachers will help you. We have a few devices to loan out if you feel this would help you and also SIM cards with 90 days of free data. Just ask...



I know that many of our Team 1 families have been concerned about Miss Thomas. I am delighted to inform you that she will be returning to school on Monday! She is really excited to see the children in school, and in time will be contacting the children at home too.



Staff COVID 19 Weekly Testing...

Test yourself for COVID-19 twice a week

Up to 1 in 3 people are asymptomatic - they show no signs of having COVID-19. Testing yourself regularly helps stop the virus spreading.

Testing
Pick up your pack of test kits at school. Testing is simple and quick - you can do it at home and get the result in 30 minutes. Test yourself twice a week, or every 3 to 4 days.

Report your result
You should report your result immediately www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. Report your result, whatever it is, to your school.

As of Wednesday 28th January, members of school staff will be undertaking twice weekly (Wed and Sun evening) testing of themselves for the virus in line with the DFE's recommendations. I extend my thanks for the engagement of the staff in this programme as a means to protect themselves, members of their own family, the children based in school and their colleagues in order to break transmission links. Understandably, this asymptomatic weekly programme may have significant isolation

implications for school if and when a positive case is identified. I ask for your continued patience and understanding if this is the case. We will aim to maintain our high standards of communication with you, providing as much notice of change as possible.

Miss Thomas...



We had a super proud moment this week when the song that OUR Team 6 wrote back in the Summer term, was featured in an online music session by AmaSing. Thousands of children across Cheshire West and beyond joined in the zoom meeting to learn OUR song. Well done to our lovely, creative, compassionate children for writing such an emotive, relevant and beautiful song. Have a listen here...

<https://twitter.com/amasingcic/status/1352194679253708801?s=20>

If you would like to join in with any of these future AmaSing singing sessions, they take place every Thursday morning. Just follow the links and codes that Mrs Jobber is sending out each week.



  **And Finally...**

A massive well done to all of our little Millers for trying your best with your home-learning. We are seeing some amazing commitment and progress! Fantastic! We know it is not easy to keep going – so we are really proud of you all.

Keep Safe everyone,

Have a lovely weekend,

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