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Dear Parents

As we complete our second week of working remotely, can I first thank everybody for their efforts in assisting their children and the staff in facilitating the home school learning. I'm conscious that many parents are helping each other overcome the technological challenges too which is another example of the great teamwork which exists within our school community.

During the early part of next week, we will be sending a survey to parents and children on our remote learning provision and other related matters. This week there have been broadband issues resulting in difficulties for Teachers and children (particularly those in school) which has had an impact on some of the planned live teaching sessions. As a staff we are trying to find new solutions to overcome these problems and I have to commend everybody on their patience and resilience at such times. We are supporting the change to bring fibre broadband to the village and I encourage you to take a look at the following links to help bring about this change:

https://www.wanborough.info/fibre_broadband.html

<https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity>

With live lessons we have devised a code of conduct which we would like to share with you to ensure they are conducted safely and appropriately (see separate attachment). Hopefully, the children are enjoying these opportunities to be interactive with both the Teacher and their peers. We recognise however (as did OFSTED earlier this week) that using a variety of teaching/learning strategies is the most effective way of teaching and learning remotely, with live opportunities giving the children opportunities to interact with each other and the Teacher, which is so beneficial for their wellbeing.

Following the update on Teachers PPA last week, we have made some changes for next week and beyond. Mrs Marshall, Miss Brant and Miss Corbyn will now be taking their PPA on Wednesday afternoons. At this time children and parents should not expect any communication from the Teacher.

Finally, we have a few vacancies at the school which you or someone you know might be interested in:

[Teaching and non-teaching jobs at Wanborough Primary School, Swindon, Wiltshire | Eteach](#)



In other news, Aiden in Year 4 is doing a charity bike ride and his aim this month is to cycle over 100 miles. He is raising money for NHS Charities and also CLIC Sargent for a friend of his who battled leukaemia last year. If you'd like to support Aiden the link is:

<https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/tracyhutchings/aiden-hutchings-100-mile-challenge.aspx>



Here is a beautiful piece of art created by Rhia in Year 5 using acrylics. Well done Rhia.

In December, Keanu in Year 1 helped his mum deliver over 32 lunches to those in need, organised in conjunction with the Swindon Wildcats. Well done Keanu (and mum), it is great to see everyone pulling together during these difficult times.



In the first few weeks of September, Molly in Year 6 trialed for the Wiltshire FA Girls' U12s football team. Molly was only 10 at the time and worked hard against approximately 70 girls to successfully win a place in the U12s team which trains at The Wiltshire FA Advanced Coaching Centre. The Wiltshire FA ACC is part of the Girls' FA England Talent Pathway and Molly had to confirm she was eligible to play for England!

Unfortunately, lockdowns have forced matches and some training to be cancelled. The team were lucky to play their first match of the season just before Christmas. Wiltshire fought back from an early lead by Hertfordshire, to win the match 7-4. This is a great achievement Molly – we are all proud of you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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