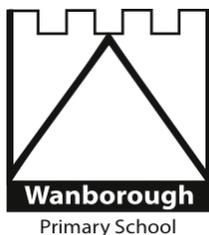


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Dear Parents

First of all, can I say a big thanks to all the children who managed to join me in the Zoom meetings that have been held this week. It was lovely to hear about the fun in the snow, see some pets, laugh at some jokes and answer some very good questions. If nothing else, it made my week more enjoyable! I'll be doing something similar the week beginning 8th February so I look forward to seeing those who were unable to join in this time.

With the Government announcing this week that schools will not be back before March 8th, we are once again turning our thoughts to how the return will be managed. Both the Governors and I will be keeping a close eye on developments and will communicate to you as early as we possibly can.

As you are probably already aware, we can confirm that there will be no SATs tests this year for Year 6 or Year 2 and there will be no requirement for schools to submit an EYFS profile for children in Reception. Year 4 children will not be taking the times table tests either. Unfortunately, we will also be looking to discuss / possibly re-arrange the PGL residential for the current Year 5.

All these circumstances are certainly leading to challenges for each and every one of us. I once again thank everybody for the support they are giving to the children of Wanborough Primary School and indeed thank the children themselves for their enthusiasm and resilience. To promote everyone's Wellbeing we are taking part in Mental Health Week from Monday 1st to Friday 5th February. The theme is 'Express Yourself'. Teachers will be building this in to their planning for the week. We would also like to invite all children to wear colourful outfits as a way to 'dress to express'. Normally we would ask children to bring in £1 on a non-school uniform day but, due to the current circumstances, we have set up a fundraising page where you can donate if you wish – all the money goes straight to the charity <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wanborough-primary> We really are conscious of the demands everyone is facing and hope that the resources we will continue to access and signpost, will be of use.

Thank you to all the children and parents that have given us feedback on the remote learning provision we have offered thus far. Whilst we will not be responding to individuals, every response has been read by myself and the class teachers, with the aim of making the provision more effective for all in the coming weeks.



Finally, we would like to share with you another out of school achievement. Bella (Year 5) and Sofia (Year 3) achieved their Tae Kwon Do Black Belts last week! This was the culmination of years of hard work.

Now they will progress to learning new advanced patterns, in preparation for their requalification exams that they must complete every 6 months. That is fantastic girls – well done!

Haven't they come a long way 😊



Have a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Drury".

Andrew Drury
Headteacher