**1st February 2021**

**Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,**

Happy new month!

I hope everyone is doing as well as they can be; despite the circumstances we’ve all got to take the positives when we can and even little things lift the spirits. The lighter mornings and evenings and the sound of birds singing are definitely helping to make me feel good…plus Dex can now see the squirrels he’s chasing!

This week is Children’s mental health week with an overriding theme of “**Express Yourself.”** We have lots of activities for you to get involved with including an assembly during this afternoon’s zoom, look out for further communications.

**We are going to set less work on Fridays from now on; although you have always had the freedom to adapt your day and your week we thought specifically setting less on a Friday will give everyone the freedom to use that time as you wish; enjoy some art, get out and exercise or simply do whatever takes your fancy!**

**Whole school zoom**

Last Thursday’s whole school zoom assembly was brilliant, it was wonderful to see so many of you and I know school staff really enjoyed it.

**Look out for the link to this week’s and make sure you express yourself; this could be in what you wear or what you bring!** In our whole school zooms we are also going to begin a “how well do you know the staff” feature. I have asked all school staff to give me a fact or bit of information about themselves and you will have to guess who each relates to; some people have definitely got hidden talents!

**Read with me**

Please see the attached links to a free webinar on Thursday 11 February which includes practical “take away” activities and solutions for reading to and with your child. These are being put on by Literacy Counts; a well-established school consultancy company and I’m sure they will be really useful.

*3pm-4pm*[*https://zoom.us/j/9147888321*](https://zoom.us/j/9147888321)*8?pwd=V3VVQVdPdG5wVTNyT 3d3SmhieW5vQT09  
Meeting ID: 914 7888 3218  
Passcode: 777418*

*7pm-8pm (Repeated)*[*https://zoom.us/j/9744236766*](https://zoom.us/j/9744236766)*3?pwd=Tk16Q0IrQk5sSVN0YUN 2MEdpVmVLdz09  
Meeting ID: 974 4236 7663  
Passcode: 489265*

Have a brilliant week

take care

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