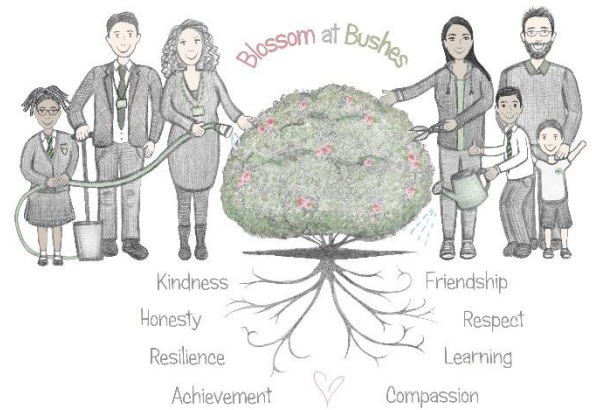


Friday 29th January 2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

Congratulations on another very successful week of remote learning! With an engagement percentage of 93% it is clear that there is a huge commitment being made by yourselves to making this as successful as possible and we are delighted to be working in partnership with you to achieve this. If there is anything you need support with, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Non-Digital Time

Thank you for supporting the introduction of the non-digital day this week. It has been wonderful to hear of the things children have been creating/making/doing during this time. Having listened to feedback from across the school, we have decided to continue with this idea of 'non-digital' time each week but this will take place on 1 morning or 1 afternoon per week instead of for the whole day and will have a focus on different areas of Health and Wellbeing. Children will still receive their Maths and Language inputs on these days along with a HWB themed check in as usual. The non-digital time will replace the topic work for that day. I would still encourage the children to fully embrace this non-digital time however if they wish to share what they have done during this time then they can go to my pages on Seesaw and share their non-digital activities there with me and I would be happy to receive them!

Check-ins

Teachers are providing live interaction and engagement through feedback they are giving either in audio files or comments made to them or a group of learners by the teacher. Teachers are also making regular audio and video recorded inputs to support children. These can be accessed when best suits families and staff are interacting with pupils throughout the day. This is working well, and I am very pleased with how children are engaging with the learning being provided.

I am aware, however, of the need for children to feel part of a community and with this in mind we are organising Google Meet opportunities over the next few weeks to check-in, monitor well-being and provide nurture. This will involve children being invited to attend a 'Google Meet' with their teacher and the rest of the class. For your child to attend you will need to have agreed to our acceptable use policy and they will need to use their Glow username and password to login to the meeting. I will be in touch very soon with further details of dates, instructions of how to join etc. I think these will be very worthwhile and staff are very much looking forward to these virtual check-ins with their classes!

I hope you all have a restful and healthy weekend when it comes.

Kindest Regards



Craig McCrorie

Head Teacher

