

Hearsall Newsletter

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EDITION

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You did it! Well done! We are so grateful for everything you have done to support your child with home learning. We know it hasn't been easy at all and we are grateful to each and every one of you. Nobody signed up to be a home school teacher and this has been a tough job juggling home learning, work, housework, siblings and everything else that goes on at home. But you have done a great job - some parents have worried that they haven't been able to get children to do the right amount of learning but please remember these have been exceptional circumstances and it has been hard to motivate children.

Please remember, your child(ren) have learnt so much more... they have learned about nature going on walks, about resilience and relationships being with family 24 hours a day, cooking from watching you and having a go themselves, reading and the pleasure of being lost in a book, learning how to amuse themselves if bored, ICT skills from being on Zoom and Teams regularly and about themselves and the relationships with their friends that they have missed so much. Every child has learned something and this is so important. We are not going to tell children they are left behind or how much learning they have lost, you can't lose something you never had. We will be focusing on encouraging the children to settle back into school, to re-establish friendships and relationships in school which are so important to their development, we will celebrate their achievements over lockdown however small. We will ensure that no child feels disadvantaged and they work on small steps to build back up to the place they need to be over time. No formal assessments on return as this isn't right for them, a clear focus on emotional and mental wellbeing and settling into a familiar routine although not one they have been in since last year.

For now, it is time to pat yourself on the back for a job well done. You did your best and we would never ask for more. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We can't wait to take back the reins for the children's learning and we are looking forward so much to welcoming everybody back on Monday. Don't forget adults must wear a mask on the playground!

Thank you again,
Claire Jones, Headteacher