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Dear Parent/Carer,

Well, we made it and what a term it has been! From a very tricky start for us all at the beginning to a wonderful finish to the term for our Takeover day, it's been yet another busy six weeks for St Peter's, both in school and in your homes. Below you will find some updates for next term, including a change to our weekly routine that we hope will be welcomed, and also some guidance for families.

Next Term

As I mentioned in my last letter to you all, it is confirmed that no children, other than those of key workers and those deemed vulnerable, will return to school until at least Monday 8th March at the earliest. Our home learning offer will still be available to all as of Monday 22nd February; I would ask that any communication with staff is put on hold until then, so they are all able to enjoy a well-earned break over the next week.

We should receive confirmation from the government prior to the 8th March as to what the plan for children returning to school will be; this may resemble what took place last summer where it was a 'phased reopening', with only certain year groups initially returning to school. However, please be assured that, as soon as we have the information, we will communicate this with you and explain how this will work for us.

Feel Good Friday

Following the analysis of our Parent Survey data and also feedback from this term's Parent Forum, it was clear that the majority of families who responded felt that their children would benefit from a greater amount of feedback from staff. Having consulted with both staff and governors, we will be introducing 'Feel Good Friday' next term.

This will involve a scaling back of our usual curriculum work on a Friday afternoon; instead, children will have a range of wellbeing activities to choose from which will allow give them the chance to relax at the end of the week. In turn, teaching staff will be using this time to focus their minds on leaving feedback on children's work via Google Classroom. This may also involve some 'live' feedback being given by staff to children using Zoom.

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I hope you will agree that this change will address the concern raised around feedback while also ensuring that staff workload is not increased at a time when they are already working extremely hard.

Winter Grant Scheme

The Winter Grant scheme aims to help meet immediate needs and really support those families who are struggling to afford food and utility bills (heating, cooking, lighting) and water for household purposes (including drinking, washing, cooking, central heating, sewerage and sanitary purposes), or other related essentials.

The financial support could include more practical items such purchase of blankets or more expensive items such as boiler / oven repairs or perhaps even a replacement oven if the existing one is broken beyond safe use / repair.

Parents and carers can contact the Council on 0800 953 7778 quoting 'Winter Grant funding' for more information.

Finally, I'd like to pass on my thanks to you all on behalf of the staff team and governing body for your support of both the children and our school over the past six weeks. Once again, you have gone above and beyond to help the children access their work, to keep us informed of any changes at home that we need to know and, most importantly, keep the children safe and well.

When it is safe to do so, I look forward to welcoming you all back to St Peter's. Until then, have a safe, peaceful and enjoyable half-term break.

Best wishes,

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I am sure that, like myself, you have been impressed with the work on offer for your child so far this term. However, **if you do have any constructive feedback around what is being provided, can I ask that this is sent to the school office by email (office@stpetersprimary.co.uk) or phone (01454631137)**. I can then ensure that this feedback is passed on to staff at an appropriate time, as opposed to it being sent to them directly on Google Classroom.

Starting next week, teaching staff will be making phone calls home each week to as many of their pupils as they can between then and the end of term. Please be reassured that these phone calls are in no way monitoring calls or a way of keeping tabs on anyone; the purpose is to check-in with as many of our families as we can and make sure we are doing everything we can to support you all.

Safeguarding

Please remember that you are able to contact school to report any safeguarding or child protection concerns you may have during this worrying time. These can be sent to our school email address (office@stpetersprimary.co.uk) or by calling the office (0145 631137); if no-one is able to take your call, please leave a message with your name and contact number and either myself or Mr Hunt will be in touch ASAP.

Alternatively, the following individuals/teams are still working within our local area and can also be contacted to report any safeguarding/child protection concerns:

Local Authority's Designated Officer (LADO)

Tina Wilson 01454868508 / Tina.Wilson@southglos.gov.uk

South Gloucestershire Access & Response Team

01454 866000 / accessandresponse@southglos.gov.uk

Finally, once again a huge 'thank you' for your continued support of our school during this time. I'd like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend; please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need anything at all.

Best wishes,

Rhys Buckley