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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday, 11 parents attended the Google Meet at the end of the first week of remote learning during the current lockdown. Every parent had a chance to share the highs and lows of the week. Below you will see a summary of the meeting which will interest those who were not able to attend. We hope to have another meeting in a couple of weeks' time to check on how remote learning is going for you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work over the past week. I really do want to hear your views and work with you to make remote learning enjoyable for you and your child. If you want to get in touch before the next meeting, feel free to call the school or send an email.

Kind Regards,

Karen Wheatley Head Teacher



Minutes of Meeting

- 1. Notes in italics have been added by Mrs Wheatley to give more information.
- 2. Some of the EVEN BETTER IF ideas will add to teacher workload. At the moment, teachers are working flat out to deliver remote learning. Proposals such as one-to-one or small group meetings or live lessons will be discussed.
- 3. Mrs Wheatley thanked and congratulated all the parents for their hard work over the past week.

WHAT WENT WELL

- Timetable helps to structure the day
- Seesaw is a very easy interface to use
- Work that is set up as an activity makes it clear what is done and what is still left to do (in this first week, teachers have been learning how to use the app and this is now happening every day)
- School has issued lots of devices so everyone can access.
- Teachers have let parents know that it is okay if their child cannot finish the work
- Teachers are supporting children who are struggling through discussions with parents about their child and how to tailor the work to suit their needs
- Wee Class: videos by Mrs Etchells to each year group saying what work has been set are very useful
- Everything is new but it is working well
- Big Class: During Google Meet registration, children are very focussed
- Small group work has worked well (e.g. P2 and P3 did a spelling test live today after the registration)
- Learning packs and resources from the school are well organised

EVEN BETTER IF

- Parents need a way of getting in touch with the class teacher if their child doesn't understand the work (Mrs Wheatley to send an email with information about communication during lockdown)
- Work for the day all to be uploaded before 9.00am
- Wee Class: mute button to be used whenever a pupil is not speaking (Mrs Etchells can do this but parents to be responsible for supervising their child in the meeting)
- Wee Class Google Meet to move to 9.00am so that parents with children in both classes can support both children
- Wee Class: Google Meet to focus on register and story or other nice interaction
- Parents not sure if all work compulsory (teachers expect all work to be completed – contact the teacher if your child is struggling to complete the work for any reason)
- One-to-one interaction/small group interaction in addition to register (to be discussed with teachers)
- More Live lessons (to be discussed with teachers; some parents don't want to be tied down for the day)

