



# A letter from Miss Holgate

Friday 29.1.21

## WOW moments - my three highlights of last week...

- Joining year 6 for their 'wear a hat Thursday' meeting - thank you for inviting me.
- Hedges gets one this week - he has stopped barking at the postman!
- All of you who are doing fantastic work on the Google Classrooms and Tapestry :-) Well Done

## This week

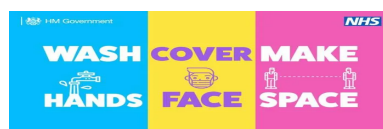
This week has seen some great work on our online platforms and I have to say that I have been really impressed. I want to take some time to thank your teachers for pushing themselves to learn how to do new things on our online platforms. Well done teachers and teaching assistants.

I have had a flurry of emails from parents which are filled with gratitude for the school - thank you for these. It is really brilliant that the whole school community can see the positives as well as the areas for development within the school.

You may have noticed that some of the lessons you are seeing, phonics and mathematics (to name just two) are taught slightly differently to how you may have been taught. We are offering 'live' meets for children to join their teachers/teaching assistants and the rest of their class - in these sessions children can ask for extra support, should they need it. I must make it really clear that if your child is on a 'live session' then you need to be in the room with them. I am looking forward to dropping into some of these to see everyone.

## Focus of the week

This week we have been focussing on ensuring that our children are able to access the online platforms. If you are having any internet or device issues please contact the school and we will try to help in the best way we can.





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## Prayer for today

Today's prayer, which I would like to share with you, is about education.

God I thank you for the gift of knowledge

I praise you that you provide us with the ability to think and  
question the world around us.

I pray you would help all your children to flourish.

May they discover their unique talents and gifts.

Give them a passion for the world around them.

Amen

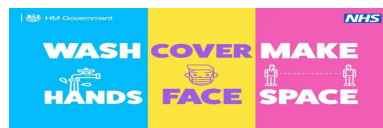
## Coming up

Children's Mental Health Week 2021

From 1st-7th February, we are taking part in Pace2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. The week is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the importance of children's mental health, especially during these difficult times. The theme this year is 'Express Yourself'. During the week we will be sharing daily wellbeing activities and resources to explore the different ways your children (and the rest of the family too) can share their thoughts, feelings and ideas.

Dress to Express!

On Friday 5th February we would like to invite all our pupils to 'Dress to Express' to support Children's Mental Health Week. Just because you're at home, doesn't mean you shouldn't join in the fun! The idea is simple - use colour to express yourself by wearing a colourful outfit for the day. Colour can





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be very personal and mean different things to different people, so this is a great way to encourage self-expression. Plan those outfits then be sure to share them with your friends on your Google Classroom/Tapestry. This will also be a non-school uniform day for those children who are currently in school.

## Wellbeing

As a nation, we are being told about wellbeing and taking time for ourselves. I think that this is really important for both us and our children. We need to ensure that we take a little time to look after ourselves. I wanted to share with you my 'Wellbeing tip of the week.' This week I am looking at Mindfulness. I have asked my Alexa to play mindfulness music, as I turn off the telly and just concentrate on my breathing.

I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest Regards,

Hannah Holgate  
Headteacher

