



A letter from Miss Holgate

5th February 2021

Happy Friday to everyone, although I did think it was Thursday this morning!

As we reach the end of the week, I wanted to reflect on my emotions this week: It's a rollercoaster of *excitement* at seeing the *engagement* of our *fabulous community* at HPA, mixed with a *sadness* that we cannot all be together. Then the rollercoaster takes another turn and I'm *happy* that we are *keeping each other safe*. But then...*loneliness* creeps in, so I see what the school community is doing and *I feel proud!*

This is the same for our children, they are feeling a rollercoaster of emotions, as I'm sure many of you are too.

In my assembly today, I have awarded the Soaring to Success to all of the children in the school. I have made this decision because it is clear to me that they are all working so hard and I want to recognise all of their achievements.

If I could award a certificate to the staff within school, I would. They are doing a fantastic job, not only of carrying out the tasks which they would do normally - but they are all going above and beyond to support you, your children and each other. I have never felt so proud in my life.

I think it's also really important to point out that one group of staff were shortlisted for being one of the best School Kitchens within the country. Well done to our amazing school kitchen team! They were in the top 30 in the country! Aren't we lucky!

Whilst I'm on the track of thanking and people doing a good job, I think it's really important that I ask you, the parents and carers of the children in our community to take a minute to reflect on all you have achieved in the past year. Many of you are working from home or are key workers and are also supporting your children, so that they can still have access to a high quality education. Well done and thank you - it is so much easier for us to support your children, when we are all working together as one team.

You may have noticed that there is a big tree of blobs with my letter. This is because I would like your child to colour in or circle where they are on the blob tree. This is a really good tool for talking to your children about how they are feeling and why. I know that at times this year, I have felt like I am the falling blob, at others the blob who is caring for others. It's ok. Emotions are important and my favourite saying is 'it's ok not to be ok' but equally, 'it's ok to be ok' and we are here, as a community, to support one another. The blob tree below is for you - I will be posting them on Google Classroom this afternoon for all the children to see.

Have a wonderful weekend, keep safe.

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