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Dear Parents

There isn't too much to update you on this week but would again like to thank you for your efforts during this Lockdown. I receive data from Seesaw each week about the number of posts for the week before and this had risen to 10,000 on Monday 18th January – a new weekly record! So I am looking forward to seeing the result for this week on Monday.

Attached with this letter are two documents which may be of interest – one is advice about parent, carer and child wellbeing during these times and the other is some practical medical advice from the NHS.

In other news, we have just received a large order of Lateral Flow Tests for those **staff** in school working at the present time. This is another government initiative aimed at reducing potential Covid infections within primary schools. The tests are not for pupils. More information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-in-schools-and-colleges/coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-in-schools-and-colleges>

The DFE has also recently updated its general advice for parents and carers about schools at this time:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

This week we launched the PTA's 30 day active challenge. Do encourage your children to take part if you can – it's another great initiative by the PTA - despite all the current restrictions that they face. Details can be found on the school website calendar if you missed the email.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Farrugia