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Dear Parents and Carers

Despite the virus we have had a fantastic half term at The Laurels with remote learning reaching a new level of success. I am so proud of all the staff who played the many and various roles in making this happen; writing risk assessments and policies, delivering training, supporting the children in school and at home, setting up computers in all the classrooms, preparing resources, providing feedback, and all whilst effecting new routines for coronavirus.

Thank you to **you**, all the parents and carers, for supporting your child(ren) to access the lessons and to complete the work after. Together as a team, we have done the very best we can to minimise the disruption to the children's education and to support their futures. Moving forward, this should also enable the children to make a smooth transition back to school when it is safe to return.

We also revisited our focus on the school values over the half term and the children have taken steps towards achieving a badge for their resilience; a quality which is crucial to wellbeing in these challenging times. We are delighted to see the children try new things, hone their skills and bounce back when it gets hard. We are so proud of what they have achieved over the last 6 weeks.

We also started our first virtual school assemblies and it has been such a joy to see children from all the classes together again. It has been a privilege to recognise so many children across the school for their achievements and I hope they enjoyed seeing their name on the screen. Thank you for supporting your child so brilliantly.

Thank you also for working in partnership with us by completing the remote learning survey which enabled us to adapt and refine our provision over time. Eventually, we were successful in ensuring access to the Google Classrooms for every child. We were pleased to feature on Radio 4, Tatler, The Daily Mail and The Herald, in our bid to secure enough devices.

I am pleased to confirm that we have still **not** had any positive cases of coronavirus linked to school. This includes staff who are now testing twice weekly so any asymptomatic cases can be identified.

Over the holiday, I will be supporting contact tracing again. If your child develops symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**, please [click here](#) to fill in a short form so I can alert others in the bubble who may be affected. If your child develops symptoms from Monday 15 February 2021 onwards, you do not need to complete the form as the virus is unlikely to have been transmitted at school.

Thank you for helping to keep our staff and their families safe by keeping your child(ren) at home. It is so appreciated and together we have achieved so much in such a short time. I hope you and your family have an enjoyable half term break. We look forward to when we can all be together again.

Yours sincerely

Miss Charlotte Bull
Headteacher