

SHEFFORD LOWER SCHOOL

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Dear Families and Friends,

This week I have had the pleasure of joining lots of TEAMS sessions and seeing what learning the children have been engaging in. I loved the drawings I saw and heard about the drama freeze frames and music. The range of head teacher awards have reflected this too. Everyday I take a wander through the corridors and see what is happening in each bubble. Whilst we try to maintain a distance at the door, I get to see how the learning in school mirrors the curriculum our teachers are sending home.

It is fantastic that we have a potential date to return by, and our focus is firmly on ensuring the children return to us as happy and enthusiastic learners.

We are thrilled about our Wellbeing Wednesdays, and cannot stress enough that this is of the highest priority. We have heard from you that what children are missing the most is the chance to be themselves with their friends. We would like to build this in too. Therefore, our teachers will be enabling the first five minutes of each teams sessions to be a free slot. This means the teacher will come on to the session as normal, and then close off their camera to allow the children time to be 'together'. Additionally, we are also organising a year group 'playdate'. The premise will be the same, and each year group will have a timetabled session each week. You will be given the time by your class teacher. Children receiving remote HT awards will be invited to an award party with Mrs Ross or Mrs Finch to celebrate from home.

In two weeks time, we have scheduled parents evenings. As many of you have already communicated with me, the purpose of these in providing you with information from school to home, is negated with our currents TEAMS and phonecalls. Therefore, the consultations scheduled for WC8th are postponed. We have been discussing the next steps in school and will communicate more with you on Monday.

Please do keep up the reading. We have been putting some book reading on our social media as well as reading through the TEAMS sessions. It is the single most crucial thing we can do to support learning and thinking for our children.

We have lots of community/whole school projects going on at the moment, so join us in those too. We enjoy seeing you participate as much as the children enjoy doing it. Have a good weekend – the last one of January.

Yours sincerely,

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