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**"Jesus came
to give Fullness of Life"**
John 10 v 10

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support with the weather disruptions over the last few weeks. We hope you managed to have lots of fun in the snow!

REMOTE LEARNING: Well done for all your hard work from home. We know remote learning is not ideal but we have been really impressed by the quality of work that children are submitting through Class Dojo. Thank you for providing your children with the structure and support to achieve this. Having reviewed our procedures, we are going to continue using Class Dojo to provide our remote learning. Lessons are available from 9am every day for children to access when convenient. Teachers are adding videos to help explain the learning that follow the National Curriculum and lessons that are being taught in school. Live lessons e.g. through Teams or Zoom are currently not an option due to staff having to teach the pupils in school full time. Live lessons can be problematic due to parents with more than one child not being able to access several live lessons simultaneously and live lessons requiring a high level of broadband bandwidth at home. Short, pre-recorded lessons, such as the ones we are currently providing through Class Dojo, allow pupils to access their learning when convenient at home and they can pause, rewind and revisit explanations they have struggled with. We have found that these are engaging pupils at home and have led to some high quality of understanding and learning.

QUANTITY OF LEARNING: The Government guidelines state that KS1 pupils should access 3 hours of learning from home and KS2 pupils 4 hours. We are providing daily activities in maths, English, reading/phonics/spelling and one other timetabled lesson on Class Dojo, as well as access to Times Table Rockstars and Purple Mash activities. Please keep in mind that a child's learning is most definitely not limited to these curriculum areas and we have enjoyed seeing photos of children baking, creating their own games and reading for pleasure during lockdown.

We realise that balancing supporting your child and working from home can be challenging, however, your child needs to continue to access the curriculum being covered in school. If you are struggling to complete all the set tasks, prioritise completing the daily maths and English learning. If you have any questions, or require our support with this, please don't hesitate to contact the class teacher through Class Dojo or the school office.

CHILDREN IN SCHOOL: As previously mentioned, please only send your child to school if you have no other option. Home is currently the safest place to be. We are doing everything that we can to keep our school community safe.

WELL-BEING CALLS: If your child has not been attending school since January 5th, you will be receiving a well-being call from your class teacher over the next 3 weeks. This will just be a quick call to check-in with you and see if there is anything extra we can do to support you. The call will either come from the school number or withheld. Please don't hesitate to contact school before this call if you require additional support.

Thank you for your continued support; it is greatly appreciated especially at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Pouncey

