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Dear Parents/Carers,

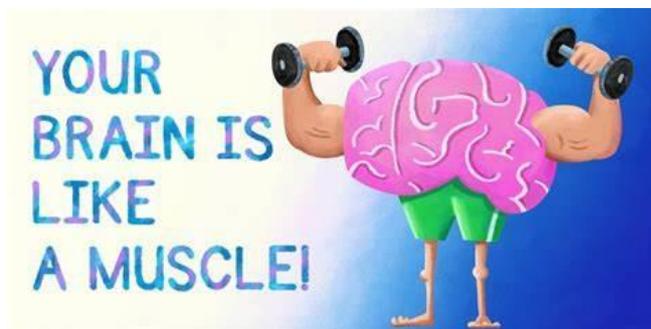
I hope you are all keeping well. Following the Prime Minister's announcement this week, it looks as if we are set to be working in this way until March 8th at the earliest. Schools will be informed and given 2 weeks' notice of any possible return to more pupils, something which I am sure we are all very much looking forward to. Whilst we are all finding this time challenging, I do want to share some positive news with you. An incredible 97.3% of Wheatfields Pupils are engaging in remote learning, whether or on paper or online using google classroom.

I am so pleased that so many pupils are continuing to make progress with their learning during this pandemic. To quote a well-known supermarket, every little really does help. Our job when the pupils do return is to assess the children and tailor our provision in school to enable the pupils to be as close to their end of year age-related expectations as they can be. Keep working with us and as long as we all do our best, that is what counts. Thank you for everything you are doing to encourage and support your child. Please let us know how you are getting on as we welcome your feedback to help us improve further.

With so much of our socialising and learning done online currently, we wanted to flag up Safer Internet day on the 9th February as a chance to discuss the importance of being safe online. More information for parents and carers can be found using the link below.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-parent-or-carer>

In assembly today, we had 149 participants. It is so lovely to see the children and to hear the wonderful learning that is taking place. If you haven't been able to join us yet, we hope you can join in next Friday at 9:15am. During assembly I reminded the children about our 5Rs that give us LEARNING POWER and exercise our learning muscle – OUR BRAIN! Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness, Reciprocity and Respect. These are learning dispositions and key learning skills we expect Wheatfields pupils to know, understand and learn to use to help them. This week we are focussing on being a reflective learner, a manager of our own learning. Over the next few weeks we will be thinking about planning, revising, distilling and understanding ourselves as learners. I will post some more information for the children in their google classrooms every Monday morning so that they can practice these skills at home and in school.



I hope you all have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Theresa Thornton, Headteacher.

