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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday. Since January, it has continued to be a challenging time for everyone and I would like to express my gratitude and admiration to our families and staff for your dedication and support with Remote Learning, communication with families/school and positivity throughout this time.

Although there may undoubtedly be further challenges ahead; we are fortunate to be a strong school community with caring staff and families with a strong sense of positivity and hope. When the children arrive back on Monday, the school will look as it did when they left it in December with the addition of a lovely display in our school corridor which we hope the children will enjoy.

Returning to classroom learning

We continue to put the children's safety, well-being and education at the centre of everything we do. Therefore, we have planned the curriculum to emphasise the need for enhanced PSHE, Physical activity and support with their learning to ensure that the return to school is as smooth as it can be.

We are aware that some children have made good progress using the excellent Remote Learning offer; we are also aware that some children will require additional support to catch-up. Therefore, as I previously shared, we will be assessing the children's academic progress through a variety of supportive ways upon their return to ensure that their learning provision is designed to their individual needs.

Well-being Questionnaire

Thank you to all of the Parents and Carers who completed our Well-being questionnaire, the information is invaluable to assist the teachers to support your child. In response to some of the children feeling anxious/worried; we have shared a helpful resource through Parentmail today to support your child and provide strategies which may help them to manage their feelings.

School uniform

When the children return to school next week we will continue to follow our school uniform policy (Term 4 is winter uniform). We understand that the children may have grown since December and that non-essential shops have not been open for you to purchase new uniform. If this is the case and you have not been able to purchase necessary uniform using online shopping please let us know. The children in Year 6 may wear their wonderful Leavers hoodies on the days they have PE.

Book Week

As you know, this week we have celebrated our annual Book Week; the children at home and school have taken part in many activities to encourage and enhance their love of reading. We decided to postpone our 'Book Character Dress up' day to enable all of the children to take part in school together (as it is one of the most enjoyable days of our school calendar). We are of course also mindful that with the Lockdown Restrictions including the closure of non-essential shops, we did not want to put undue pressure on parents or carers to buy or make a costume during this time. Therefore, we look forward to a fully inclusive World Book Day Character Dress up (take 2) very soon! We will give you plenty of notice when we finalise a date.

Next week is 'Science Week' which has been planned to be a fun and engaging week for the children.



Book of Excellence

We are so proud of our wonderful children! The following children are in the Book of Excellence this week. Their names also appear within the Friday Celebration Assembly presentation along with the names of children who have celebrated a birthday this week.

Well done all of you!	
Year R	Hayley and Ano
Year 1	Poppy and Elizah
Year 2	Luca and Darragh
Year 3	Francesca and Maxwell
Year 4	Liam and Angel
Year 5	Joshua and Niamh
Year 6	Ben and Sam.T

I understand that some children, families and staff may be nervous about school returning to full occupancy on Monday. I therefore ask that everyone takes care of one another; as we do so well at St Augustine of Canterbury. We will follow the Government Guidance and adhere to Public Health advice and follow the protective measures whilst remembering to be respectful and kind to each other as a school community.

Finally, I would like to share again how much we are looking forward to seeing the children all back on Monday. I hope you have a safe and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Prestidge
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

