



Hovingham & St Hilda's CE (VC) Primary Schools Federation

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5th February 2021

Dear Parents,

This has been another super week of learning both in and out of school.

We continue to aim to clearly outline each day the work that needs to be returned to class teachers. We must emphasise that seeing the work is really important to us in order that we can celebrate it, provide supportive feedback and confidently plan the next steps in your child's learning. We know that there may be some technological challenges for some in doing this and we want to do all we can to overcome such issues. Please do continue to get touch if you need any further help with this or any other aspect of home learning. Your continued honest feedback is warmly welcomed and helps us to help you.

To further support with mental health and wellbeing, Wednesday saw the introduction of 'Welfare Wednesday' afternoon where various learning challenges were suggested but where none required any screen time to complete. Thank you to all those who have shared their learning from these activities. It looks to have been lots of fun!!

It was fantastic again to have 50 pupils be part of our Celebration Assemblies via Teams last Friday and we are looking forward to them taking place again later today. Whilst it will be wonderful if your child can join, we reiterate that we know it may not be possible for everyone to be part of each session. We know that not every child may want to speak at any length. That is absolutely understood and is accommodated. Please don't let that put you off joining with us!!

Adrian Bond has been elected Chair of Governors. He can be contacted at Adrian.Bond@hshafed.co.uk or through the school offices. Jane Richardson has stepped down from the role of Co-Chair but continues on the Governing Board. We are grateful for all Jane's work as Co-Chair.

We wrote earlier this week with details of various skipping rope challenges. There has been a real buzz around the distribution of the ropes. We're looking forward to seeing the challenge scores.

I've attended a termly safeguarding briefing this week and have been asked to share the following link with families. It is full of practical advice.

<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/parent-info/games-consoles-smart-devices-and-how-to-keep-your-children-safe>

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Take care everyone.



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