



Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope that you are all fit and well. So, we reach another milestone, the last day before the Whit half term, a milestone under lockdown!

I could never have imagined writing to you under such changed circumstances. But, whatever the changes, some things remain constant, one of which is my heartfelt wish, on behalf of all the staff here, that you enjoy a restful and peaceful half term.

Another constant that also endures is the care and commitment shown across our community. The theme of this week has been Mental Health Awareness and I hope you have been able to follow the various activities and assemblies that Mr Roberts has been coordinating which demonstrate this care and commitment. If not, they are all accessible through our online platform and I highly recommend them.

We know the link between being active and mental wellbeing is well established and this week's activities have built upon the 2.6 Challenge that we launched a few weeks ago. I attach the most recent newsletter which is a heart-warming read. Some highlights include:

- Current total raised in school £1220.60
- Mr Gledhill's bid for soccer stardom
- Matthew's 104 mile bike ride (4 x 26 miles)
- Kitty and Nelly's "26 nature watch"
- Mr Jones' literary marathon- reading War and Peace in 26 days!

Looking forward, I would just like to remind you that in line with the Trust and most Warrington schools, the earliest any Y10 student might be in school will be week commencing 8th June. However, we remain open as ever to our Vulnerable Children and the children of Key Workers, including over the half term period. We expect a Government announcement on May 28th to provide more information about the phased reopening of schools and I will be meeting with our Local Governing Body and TCAT Trustees on Friday 29th May to discuss our next steps. These will then be communicated to you.

In the meantime, something that I am sure we are all trying to make sense of are all the different messages we are receiving, be they from the Government or indeed from school. I am aware that I often seem to be sending messages about when I will be sending another message. However, if there are mixed messages out there, there is a constant message from us to you all and that is we respect and admire your resilience support and above all Acts of Kindness.

As part of the Mental Health Awareness week we have focused on these Acts of Kindness and I can't think of a better way -under any circumstances, of concluding a half term than with this Y7 Assembly that captures both your Acts of Kindness and our message to you that we can't wait to have you all safely back:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHB-C1HdqCU&feature=youtu.be>

Take care, enjoy a week's break from online learning and above all, stay safe.

Regards,

Tim Long, Principal