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Doesn't Christmas feel like such a long time ago, and yet I cannot believe that we are half way through the first half term either!

I have to start by saying a huge congratulations to each and every one of you at the moment. The pressure that families are under at the moment is unbelievable and I cannot stress enough that you are doing such a great job. We are so pleased with the online attendance over the weeks – 90% of children have been engaging in online learning this week – so well done to all of you for supporting your children with that.

I would also like to say thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent survey with regards to remote learning. I have passed on all of your fabulous comments and supportive messages to the staff – which I know will help boost their morale at this time. We are so pleased with the positive response and appreciate the feedback so we can tweak things where necessary.

90% of you said the quantity of learning and difficulty of work was 'about right' with 5% of you stating it was too much and 5% stating it was too little.

The comments have been overwhelming – thank you for your words of praise and encouragement. I must however reassure you that you are all doing a fantastic job too. I realise that everyone has very different circumstances but remember you are doing the best you can for your personal situation and we support that. We really encourage the children to engage in their online lessons so that they see their friends and their teachers; the social connection is so important at these difficult times.

The children who are eligible to be in school are also enjoying meeting their classes online every day to continue their learning; it really is making everyone feel a part of the Goodyers End community. We have doubled our numbers since the last lockdown and we say a big thank you to those who are having to continue to attend their workplaces whilst we continue to fight this pandemic.

I'm sure like me, you are all wondering when children will return to school. It might surprise you to know that we find out at exactly the same time as you! I understand Gavin Williamson, Education Minister, announced today that we would all have two weeks' notice of children returning to school. We will of course let you know as soon as we know.

In the meantime, continue to stay safe and please contact us at school, as usual, if there is anything we can help with.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Rees
Headteacher

