



Longwood Primary School

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Dear Longwood Children, Parents/Carers

I am writing to you today as we are nearly at half term and I feel it appropriate to say THANK YOU.

As you are aware, approximately six weeks ago, England was placed into a national lockdown for the third time, again sadly forcing the closure of schools to all but children of Key Workers and Vulnerable children.

Although we had previously used Google Classroom for a couple of weeks at the end of 2020, I was worried about how online home learning would be received over a longer and unknown period of time. However, I wanted to say how amazingly well you have adapted and taken on board this new temporary way of school life.

We are very lucky here at Longwood to have incredible and creative teachers who have had to completely change the way they work and of course if it wasn't for you and your response to online learning, the whole process would have failed.

The way in which the children have logged on each day to Google Classroom, submitted or 'turned in' work, responded to teacher comments and have been involved in 'live' lessons have filled me with enormous pride – you really are all superstars!

I have been lucky enough to observe and take part in a number of online lessons over the past few weeks and we have again introduced Celebration Certificates for Good Work and Good Behaviour, which are emailed to the winners on a Friday morning - the response to this from you all has been fantastic.

You really have all been so wonderful this half term, and we now have our fingers crossed (very tightly) that we can fully reopen again very soon after half term.

We miss you all, your laughter, your involvement, your bad jokes, we miss the normal day to day experiences of our wonderful school and we can't wait to return to 'normal'.

Kind Regards,

Mrs P James

Head Teacher

