



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents /Carers

We have come to the end of what has been an incredibly challenging time for everyone with lockdown in place since December. Thank you very much from all the staff for your continued understanding and support. We feel so lucky to have such positive and supportive parents at Messing. I understand that for everyone this past year has had different challenges and for some great sadness with the loss of loved ones; please take the time to reflect on your own experiences and how you have overcome challenges and be proud of your resilience getting through these difficult times.

The children have settled back very well and have had the chance to reconnect with their peers and teachers through the wellbeing and topic focused activities planned for them. We are so pleased that we have been able to begin Forest Schools sessions for the Reception children in the community orchard led by Miss Imrie who is forest school trained. With wellies at the ready, they are thoroughly enjoying these. Comic relief day was full of fun and laughter with the most impressive skills on show at the talent show! Thank you for your generous donations -we raised £183. Pupils in Class 3 have been collecting food for the local food bank as part of their PSHE lessons and with your support have a generous amount of donations to take to the bank. The children have had a lovely end to the term with their Easter hunts in the school grounds today.

Next term we are looking forward to being able to offer a range of sports clubs and some sports enrichment days as well as using the outdoor learning space even more with the improving weather. Class teachers will be sending out information about the focus for learning/topic themes at the start of term.

I'm sure you are looking forward to being able to see family and friends again from Monday onwards under the rule of 6-patio heaters and duvets at the ready! Hopefully we will have some sunshine over the next 2 weeks so that sitting in the garden with friend and family will be a pleasure -it's very exciting whatever the weather!

Wishing you all a very happy and safe Easter break

Kindest regards

Jackie Halliday

Headteacher