Dear parent/guardian,

What a joy it has been to welcome back the children up to Year 2 this week. It has been lovely to see them all so happy to be back and hear the sounds of them having so much fun playing and learning with their friends.

You may be aware that as part of the updated Risk Assessment in all schools, staff are being encouraged to take a Lateral Flow Test twice a week. I am writing to let you know that staff in Knelston Primary School will be taking these tests twice a week from on Tuesdays and Fridays starting on 26th February. The aim is to identify any member of staff who may have contracted Covid 19 but is yet to display any symptoms. Staff will be informing the school should they have a positive test, and if that is the case we will have to maintain all the usual precautions i.e. should a member of staff test positive, everyone with whom they are working in their ‘bubble’ will be contacted and told to self-isolate for 10 days or until the member of staff has a negative follow up test. This also applies to the KS2 Hub for children of Key Workers. Please be aware that should any adult within your child’s class test positive, we will need to contact you, at short notice either in the evening or early morning to tell you that your child’s class/KS2 Hub is closed, so please keep an eye on your emails and watch out for any texts from school.

At the moment we are working towards the rest of the school returning on March 15th. We are really hoping that this will be possible and are making preparations to make sure we are ready for them to come back. Meanwhile the KS2 teachers are working really hard to keep the remote learning as engaging as possible and making sure they are supporting every child. A big thank you to you all again for your support with this.

Don’t forget it’s St David’s Day on Monday. We can’t have our usual eisteddfod or celebrations, but we are going to mark the day. For those children in school please wear something red or Welsh and for those at home wear the same for your Teams calls. Mrs Porter has shared the Welsh competitions in your class J2E folders, so please have a try and celebrate with us. The closing date for entries is March 5th. Pob lwc!

If you require childcare for next week, please follow the link below and complete the form.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k5hn1KNW1axKqIMW9MVe-H9UNUJQTENYMTI0NFhPQkJTUUMySVVPRkhVUy4u>

Normally we have a parents’ evening at this time of year. Obviously we still can't meet you face to face, and we aren't sure how long it will be until we can. We know many of you have kept in contact with your child's teachers through J2E and email which has been great. However we wanted to give you the opportunity for a phone call with the teacher. Please complete the form below if you would like to make an appointment to discuss your child’s learning with their teacher.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k5hn1KNW1axKqIMW9MVe-H9UM0tRMkxMSlZNNThDS0lZS09TSFY5T1QzSS4u>

We still have a number of our Stay Safe, Stay Positive, Stay Strong posters available and are selling them off at a bargain price of £2 each. All proceeds will go to the NHS and we would like to add to the £120 we have raised so far.



As always, if you have any questions please be in touch.

Kind regards

Mr Jenkins