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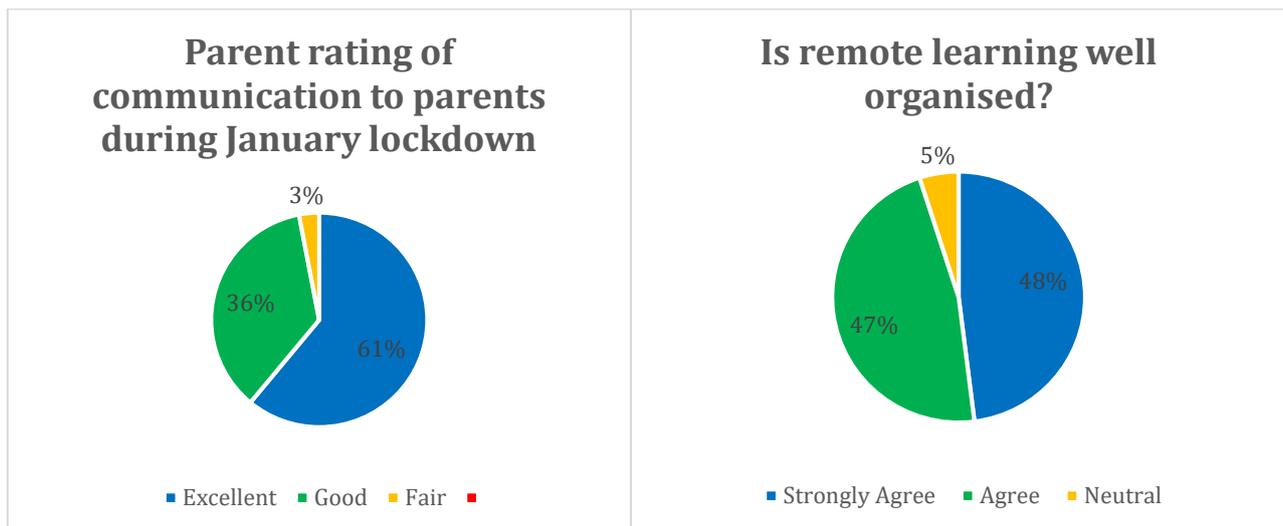
Dear Parents and carers,

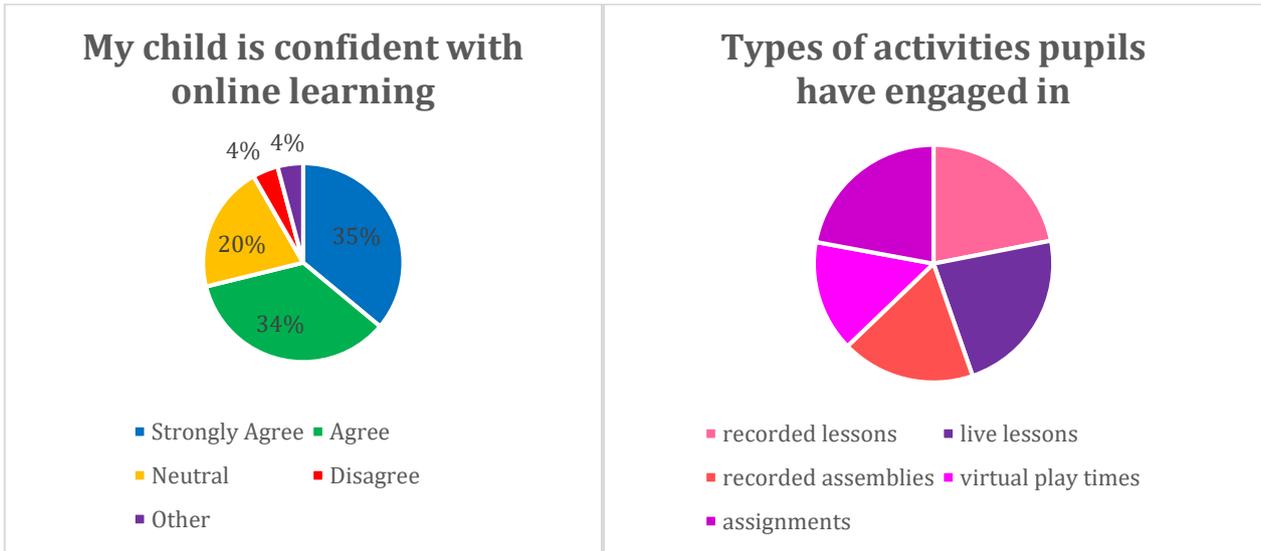
I hope that this update finds you all well, happy, and coping during these challenging times.

Parents' Evening Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th February - You will be able to book your meeting through the online booking system; the link will be sent to you via text tomorrow. The booking system will open at noon tomorrow and will close on Tuesday evening. Meetings will be a maximum of 8 minutes and will take place via Microsoft Teams. There will be no live lessons on these afternoons; tasks will be set.

Parent survey for remote learning

Many thanks to those who have responded to the remote learning survey. We are pleased to share some of the results with you as they demonstrate a very good uptake and engagement with online learning – something that has been very new to us all.





Thank you again to all involved. Our results are used to inform our governors of our current provision and engagement levels, as well as guiding us to further improve our remote learning offer.

Holy Communion and Confirmation

As many of you are aware, our current Y4 cohort were not able to make their First Holy Communion last year, due to COVID restrictions. We find ourselves, yet again, in really challenging circumstances when it comes to the celebration of this sacrament, not only for the Y4 pupils, but also those in Y3. Fr Julius has therefore said that the Sacrament of Holy Communion will take place in a different way this year. Children will receive the sacrament in their class bubbles, in school, without visitors. This is the only way that this can be achieved due to the very small number of congregation allowed in the church at one time. The aim is for this to take place after Easter, early in the summer term.

We will share the details of this closer to the time, once dates have been concluded. At present, I am suggesting that the service will be broadcast and shared with families via Microsoft Teams and that there will be opportunities on the day to take the children, prepare their appearance and return them for the service. You would also be able to greet them out of school at an earlier time and head off for your own private celebrations, whatever the restrictions allow by this time. A photographer will also be present on the day to capture images of them for you.

Some of you from Y4 may have purchased dresses/suits last year that no longer fit your child and you may wish to sell this on to our Y3 cohort. We will be able to share any messages on your behalf if you would like our support with this.



Details for the Sacrament of Confirmation cannot yet be concluded, as they require the involvement of the Bishop or Archbishop. I will get back to you as soon as I can with these arrangements.

Many thanks to you all for your patience with this.

Thank you to Fr Julius

We thank Fr Julius for coming to bless our classrooms last week. This is an annual event which takes place on the feast of the Epiphany. Father was keen to make sure that this was not missed in the current circumstances.



Children's Mental Health week

Thank you to those who are engaging in the daily focus for this week. Tomorrow is Walk-about Wednesday. I recognise that you might not manage to fit in a walk outdoors tomorrow, but it would be great if you could do this with your children before the start of next week. Prizes are available for all key stages for the best photographs from your walks. Please send these to the office email and let us know if you would be happy for them to be shared via newsletter and Twitter.

On Friday we are encouraging children to dress to express themselves. They can wear anything as long as it is suitable for the weather (if in school) and suitable for the camera (think safeguarding). Pyjamas are permissible, (as long as they stay awake!).

Whilst the messages shared across the week are expressed as a daily focus, please try to maintain the good routines established around sleep, talking, fresh air and exercise, drinking water and planning time for fun and feeling good!

Thank you to all of you for your excellent engagement and support to your children's learning.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Davis
(Head Teacher)

Important dates for your diary:

Friday 5 th February	Feeling Fabulous Dress up/down Friday
Wednesday and Thursday 10/11 th February	Parents' Evening
<i>Friday 12th February</i>	<i>School closed – INSET Day (no remote learning)</i>
<i>Monday 15th to Friday 19th February</i>	<i>School closed – half term</i>
Sunday 21 st February	CAFOD Walk for Water
Monday 22 nd February	Back to school
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character
Thursday 1 st April	Early finish for Easter holiday

