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Dear parents / carers,

As we embark on yet another week on remote learning, a thought for the day:

Each day of our lives, through our words and actions, we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.

The penultimate week of any term is historically a tough one. Children and teachers are usually exhausted and the holidays are just out of touching distance. This term is no different, except you as parents are also in the mix! We most definitely understand how you may be feeling, juggling so many balls and keeping so many plates spinning at home. The home that once was separate from work and school, has for many, merged into a bit of everything. We are living that too.

This week is Children's mental health week. There will be an assembly this afternoon for children to watch, with additional information distributed through the week.

As has become customary at the start of the week, an update. This one though will be one of the shorter ones and is based around Seesaw.

As always, we are looking to enhance the experience utilising the tools at our disposal. With mental health being a hot topic for the week, and current times, the information below will hopefully reduce stress and anxieties around the amount of activities your child faces daily.

- Staff have been asked to archive lessons three times a week from here on in, on a Monday, a Wednesday and a Friday. This will mean any activities not accessed will be removed.
- In the activities section, if you click the calendar you will be able to see the activities posted for that day. To filter further, click the folder icon in the Calendar, this will allow you to filter by subject also.
- Assemblies and other meet up links will always appear as an activity as this is the only way that we are able to schedule activities at a given time. However, if your child clicks the activity and then selects the green tick this will remove the activity from the list. (Once the meeting has finished!)
- After monitoring this morning, teachers have been asked to only allocate certificates to individual winners with them then posted in the blog rather than to every child.

As I have mentioned previously, we have to provide activities to fulfil a certain amount of time. If it is unmanageable for your child to complete them all, this is ok. We understand the pressures you are being faced with, all we ask is that there is a balance between the activities rather than always doing the same type.

The info@parkgate.coventry.sch.uk email address is monitored throughout the day, please feel free to email with any suggestions, queries or concerns so that we can help to find a resolution.

Many thanks again to the majority of you who are full of praise for the staff and the work they are doing in these unprecedented times. May we also take a moment to recognise and thank you all for your efforts in supporting your children whilst they are at home?