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Dear Parents/Carers,

As this will be the final week of school only being open to eligible children, I would like to thank you for all that you have done to support your child during this lockdown. The children at home have engaged incredibly well in our remote education provision, accessing Pre-recorded Teaching, Live Lessons and Class Meets, and they have continued to make progress in their learning. We have been overwhelmed with the positive feedback that we have received and we were thrilled to feature in the Manchester Evening News on 16th February 2021, with a quote from one of our parents:

'St. Wilfrid's Primary Academy in Standish, Wigan, have been amazing. Online Zoom lessons for several weeks now. It has given a structure of teacher delivered direct content that has really helped. It almost feels like our child is in school! Big thanks to the teachers and staff for quickly putting such a professional programme together that has worked seamlessly.'

Please be reassured that we will support your child's wellbeing, as a priority, on returning to school. Staff have worked hard planning a 'Return to School' wellbeing project with a focus on emotions and being reconnected, for the week commencing Monday 8th March. We will also meet the academic needs of all children, identifying any gaps in learning and providing appropriate 'catch up' support, either through quality first teaching or targeted support.

Wednesday 3rd March 2021 is 'World Maths Day' and we will be sharing a carefully selected maths-related story as part of the daily Maths lesson, with learning linked to this narrative. Thursday 4th March is 'World Book Day' and we are extremely excited to launch our pre-recorded 'The Masked Reader' challenge, along with other activities linked to our love of reading at St. Wilfrid's. Your child will receive information about these themed days in their 2email on Purple Mash.

During lockdown, we have continued to celebrate the birthdays of children and staff as part of our focus on 'wellbeing for all'. However, as many children with a birthday in January and February have missed out on a non-uniform day in school, we will invite all children with birthdays in these months to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 26th March, when we will celebrate March birthdays.

Finally, Miss Cowburn, who many of our children are familiar with, has been appointed for Mrs. Wilson's maternity cover, where she will teach 3W from Monday 8th March for the rest of the academic year.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation and I very much look forward to seeing all of the children in school next Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Colothan
Executive Headteacher



***'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'* Philippians 4:13**

