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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming you back albeit still remotely for many of you after half term. As yet we have had no further directives from the government about when all children can return to school but as you will be aware, the (very much unconfirmed) speculation is around a March return of some sort. As soon as we know, we will make sure you know!

Remote learning

Last week and this week, we have had the highest uptake and engagement yet on Google classrooms, so an enormous well done and thank you from all of us to all of the children (and the very busy parents behind the screens too!) Half term will be a rest from all of the online work but as always, we encourage reading at home and sharing stories. I'd also like to say thank you to all of the school staff at this point too, because they put in hours of additional work every week to make our remote offer work as it does.

Room 13 - From Janey

This week in Room 13 we finished off our hanging bandage art and had time to make some abstract textile collages, please see the image.

Excitingly, I see that Grayson Perry's Art Club will be back on our screens by the end of February. He has already put a call out for artwork and I'm thinking about entering some from the children here at The Mill. One of the themes is 'Dreams', which would make an exciting topic for us to reflect on - I'm sure many of the children are having interesting dreams at this time! I hope you all enjoy a well earned rest over the half term break. I look forward to seeing you later in February. Janey.



Safety Online

Take a look at Thinkuknow: Thinkuknow is the national online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency. Thinkuknow offers learning activities, advice and support for children and young people aged 4-18 and their families. The [Jessie & Friends animations](#) for 4 to 7s will help you start a conversation about online safety and for 8-10s, there are the [Play Like Share animations](#) and the [Band Runner game and advice website](#).

Thank you all for the hard work, support and kindness this half term; here's to Spring arriving and to keeping everything crossed for having ALL of our children back in school as soon as possible. Take good care, and take some time where you can for yourselves this half term.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher