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To all Parents/Carers,

18/1/19

It's been a few weeks since my last Weekly Word so this is my opportunity to say Happy New Year and I hope you had a good Christmas Break! Also, thank you to everyone for your kind words, cards and presents on the birth of our daughter Arabella. She's doing really well and sort of getting the hang of sleeping at night – you might have noticed that my coffee cup on the gate is a bit bigger now given the circumstances!!

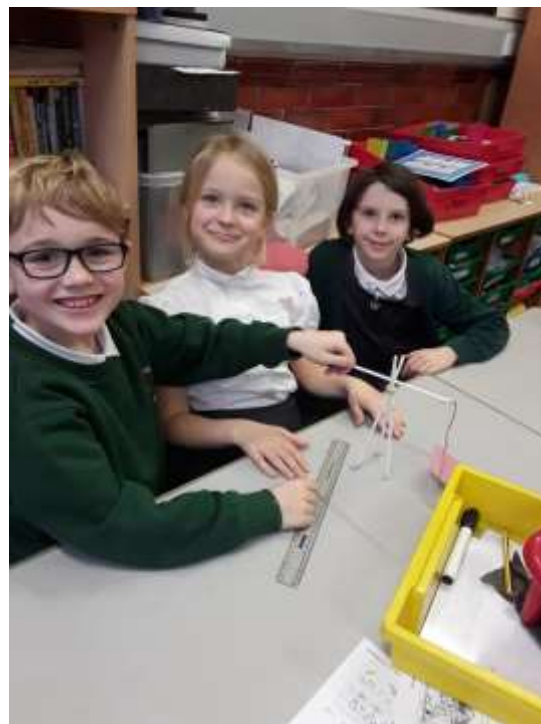
It was really nice coming back into school today and I have missed everyone a lot. The children are as delightful as ever and everything has been led and looked after by Mrs Edge and Mrs Balfour supremely well. Indeed, I have met with them both today and they have brought me up to speed on some of the key issues. I also had a quick browse through our Twitter Feed and I was not surprised by some of the amazing learning that has been taking place (see right).

Away from school, I was at a Safeguarding Conference yesterday and they talked about a city-wide project that is about to be unveiled surrounding supporting mental health in young children. It has been funded by the Opportunity Area budget and is due to be rolled out in September 2019. Two things stood out for me: do our Parents/Carers know what the Opportunity Area is and what might this project look like in school? If you want to know more about Opportunity Areas then click on this link:

<https://derbyopportunityarea.co.uk/>

In terms of what the project might look like in school, I am meeting with other Heads and the Senior Leadership Team over the next few weeks to talk about best practice and share ideas. Supporting children's mental health is so important but it needs to be done in a way that is effective and sustainable. I'll keep you posted on how this progresses.

And finally, I have been reliably informed that we may be expecting some snow over the next few weeks. Last year we did close for two days as a result of heavy snowfall so with this in mind we will be sending out a letter/parentmail relatively soon explaining what the school closure protocol will be should we have to do it again. Best to be prepared!



Have a great weekend,

Mr I. Johnson