

# Forward March!

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## February Newsletter 2021

Dear Families of the March CE Primary School,

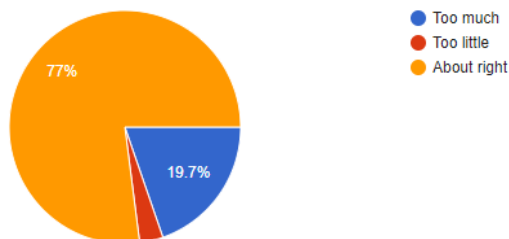
This is the last week to go before a well-earned break for half term. This will also be a good time for us to reflect again on the google classroom feedback on what is working well and where we should focus attention for continued improvement.

### The parental survey feedback showed that:

- **96.7%** of parents thought we had set about right or too much online learning.
- **87%** of parents thought their child received about right or too much feedback. In response to this some teachers are now responding with further online teaching suggestions for work submitted or further advice during live online feedback sessions
- **90%** would like to join a Friday celebration - this has been incredibly popular with approx. 180 children present.
- There were lots of very positive comments and we thank you for the support at this difficult time for everyone.
- We have taken on board some of the areas needed for further support and have asked teachers to let pupils know time expectations for different work and appreciate this may take children different times to complete. So, please do what you child can cope with on that day. The twice-daily google meets will give the teachers opportunities to discuss the expectations and teach concepts, we would encourage the children to ask questions at this time or ask for further help.

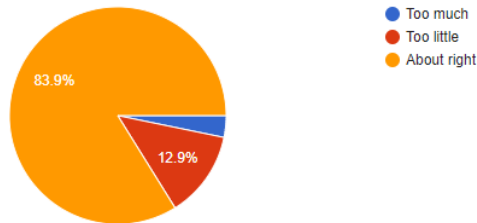
Do you think the amount of work your child has been given is:

61 responses



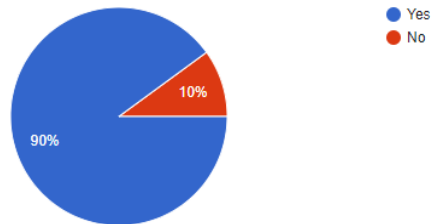
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We would like to start an online celebration assembly on a Friday morning. Would your child be able/interested in attending this?

60 responses



Typically, as the end of a normal half term approaches, like all good marathon runners, both students and staff have timed their energy reserves to just get them over the line before enjoying a well-earned break away from screens and emails.

Since the beginning of the New Year we have been running more of an unknown course and it is clear to us all that already people are feeling the fatigue of a very different learning experience and lockdown. The **Non-screen day** was a huge success and we feel that the children certainly needed this to have opportunities for creativity and imagination away from the screen.

With this last week to go we all need to be self-aware enough to realise that this last week of learning will be tough and in doing so find small ways to be kind to ourselves in the knowledge that a week's relaxation is around the corner. By the time we get there it is important that we are able to reflectively look back at this half term and know that we have collectively had to share the workload/teaching/supporting for helping our pupils successfully learn in the difficult these times.

There is no further news on the Governments plans for 8th March yet.

They have stated that schools will receive two weeks' notice of their plans, which will give us the time to plan effectively. As soon as we have any further information, I will share our plans with parents.

**On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February we will still be having our INSET day. We look forward to welcoming the Vulnerable and Keyworker children back on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and seeing the Home learners on Google Meet.**

**See below for some wonderful examples from the  
SCREEN FREE DAY!**

Designing a new playground

Flowers for hope

Tangrams

Science

SCREEN FREE DAY

Read Aloud

A day of imagination and creation

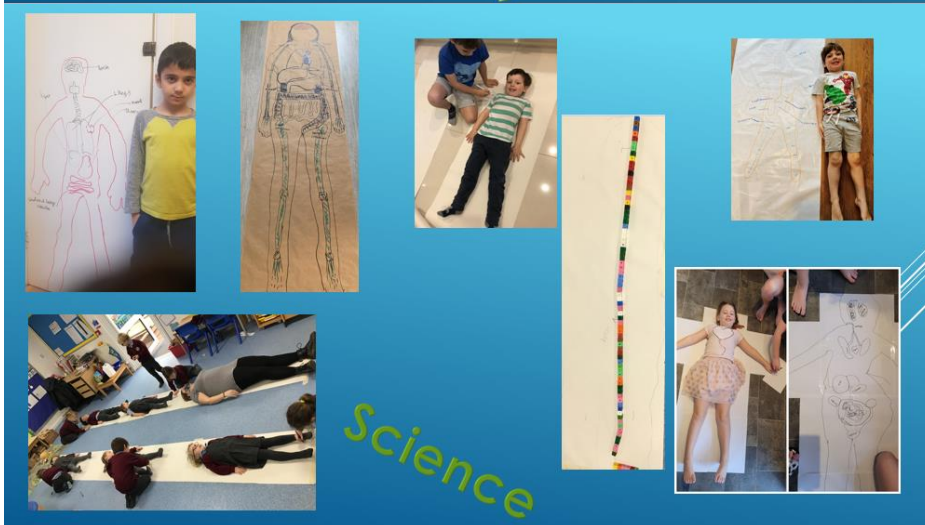
Physical Activity

Royal Art Gallery

Blackout Art



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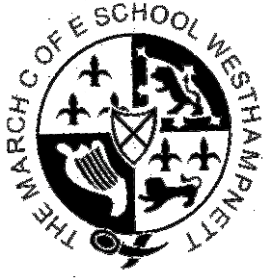


Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you would like to discuss any items from the newsletter in more detail, please do not hesitate to call the school , my door is always 'Open'.

Keep Safe and have a good half term everyone

***Mrs Nicky Metcalfe***

Head Teacher



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