

Letter from Miss Taylor

Dear Parents,

I don't want to interfere with your weekend, but wanted to touch base to say I hope you and your family enjoyed a few hours in the snow today. I'm sure like me, the repetition of the daily lockdown walk was freshened up by the crunch of snow and the obligatory snowball fight!

This morning I read the following article, which also resonated with shared conversations I've had with friends and family:

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2021/jan/23/i-feel-like-im-failing-parents-stress-rises-over-home-schooling-in-covid-lockdown>

Managing childcare, work demands, home schooling, running a household is relentless, and I wanted to thank you for the amazing efforts you are going to. We deeply appreciate the support you show our school. It's no wonder we have the best children, when they have such fantastic parents. Be kind to yourself and remember our red, amber, green weekly timetable is there to support you as much as it is to support the children. Whilst keeping the momentum of home learning going is important, it does not supersede the cost of our mental health and well-being. There are times when we all need a quieter day.

With each day that passes, we're one step closer to the children being back in school and reigniting the WJS environment we all hold close.

Take care - and thank you.

Claire Taylor