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BUDEHAVEN
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Weekly update

I hope you and your family are well, and that you are enjoying lighter evenings now that we are approaching February.

Well done to all of our students who have been working hard in their online assessments this week. These are really important for us to be able to identify how we can help your child further moving forward, and we have asked our teachers to share the outcomes of the assessments with students, so they can work on them in lesson time, to address any misconceptions that may have been identified. If you or your child has any questions about the assessments, please contact their class teacher who will be happy to help.

We have had another week of lateral flow device testing in school, with our committed team of staff working harder than ever to keep everyone safe. You will have seen my communication to request volunteers to assist with mass testing when we return to school for all pupils. Details of when individual year groups will return to school will be shared with you as soon as the Government releases this information, along with details of the lateral flow device testing programme, and consent forms for parents to complete should they wish their child to be tested. We have had overwhelming support for the roll out of weekly testing from the parents of the children currently attending school as part of the vulnerable children and children of key workers provision, and we extend our thanks to all of you concerned for this. In addition, this week has seen the rollout of the national voucher scheme for pupils in receipt of free school meals.

Whilst most students are not attending school at present, it is important for me to let you know that we are still here to support our students and you as their parents and carers. I would hate to think that we have people in our community who feel they don't have the support they need. If you or any of your family feel they need support during these challenging times, please do let us know. If we cannot directly help, it is likely we will know someone who can. Either call us on the school telephone number, or email us at enquiries@budehaven.cornwall.sch.uk and we will help. With spring just around the corner, and the days getting longer, people's spirits will hopefully be lifted somewhat. With the number of people receiving the vaccine significantly increasing, and if we all work together to stick to the lockdown rules, hopefully our students will be able to return to school, and many workplaces will be able to reopen before too long.

Finally, today we say goodbye to Amanda Baker, who has provided support across so many areas of Budehaven Community School since she started with us in May 2012. I thank her for her hard work and dedication to our school and its students over the years, and wish her well in all she does in the future.

Have a great weekend, and please do remember that we are still here if you or your child needs anything.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Dominic Wilkes
Headteacher