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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Well what a half term Spring 1 was! School has been officially closed yet open, with teaching and learning being completed within the classroom and offsite. As we reach the final few hours of this half term, I wanted to write to you to say a massive **Northway...**

THANK YOU



...for your patience, kindness, understanding, hard work, resilience and partnership, specifically over the past six weeks. At Northway, we understand that so many of you have been juggling working from home, caring for younger children or elderly family members all alongside Home Remote Learning. Some days will have been better than others but just look at what has been achieved! **Please celebrate this success.** Do you feel a technological wizard or SeeSaw specialist? You should! This half term has been one of the most challenging but your unwavering support and partnership alongside our enthusiastic Northway staff, has made it such a success. **Thank you!**

Over this half term, please take time to refresh and re-energise, if your own work allows. The children have not been set any SeeSaw learning over half term, to allow them time with their family and to turn your house back into a home and not a classroom!

Each Friday, Miss Daws (and before that Miss Grace) sent separate questionnaires to parents and pupils to give feedback on that week's learning. This brave yet essential tool was used so well and I want to thank you for your honesty and your positivity. It has helped us significantly sharpen our Remote Learning offer and add improvements along the journey.

I want to also take this opportunity to thank Team Northway. It has been a real privilege to see our whole Team rise to the challenge of preparing lessons and teaching over Loom and SeeSaw, thinking of new creative ways to get new learning across to our children and teaching both in School and remotely, juggling family pressures too. Also our admin and site staff, who have maintained contact with our community and kept our essential systems, Free School Meals and Health and Safety procedures all running efficiently. **Thank you Staff Team.**

And finally...



**Northway: Together we can achieve anything
All Learners, All valued, All achieving...All the time**



You may have received a letter regarding our re-energised PTFA. I want to encourage everyone to support our PTFA either as an elected Officer, Committee Member or Association Member. The higher the profile of the PTFA, the more opportunities the children of Northway will benefit from. **We would love to encourage new members and newer parents to school to stand, as well as our older friends.** Everyone is important and the enthusiasm of all is required!

School will be taking a real interest in our PTFA and working together with the Committee will ensure that **'together, we can achieve anything.'**

Spring Term has been a real partnership and I look forward to welcoming our Critical Worker children back after half term and with hope set and secured... everyone else on the 8th March! We await guidance and notification from the Government but will be in touch as soon as we know anything!

Yours sincerely,

MJ Hargreaves
Headteacher