

Friday 14 January 2022

Dear everyone

We're up and running and it's great to see everyone.

Many staff were hit with COVID over the holiday – rotten luck and miserable for them – and after a squeaky week of low staffing at the end of the autumn term, fingers crossed we've seen the worst of things.

Opening assembly on Tuesday was myth busting the bad science around the idea that 'Blue Monday' is a thing. Purported to be the third Monday of January it was a piece of clever PR fabricated by a travel company back in whenever, and has stuck in the imaginations of, er, marketing and HR departments just about everywhere. Even the children figured out it was all about selling holidays.

Miserable January? Not a bit. We're skipping along, and as you've heard enough from me this week, here's Bill Evans' Album, *You Must Believe in Spring* released posthumously in 1980 – perfect dinner jazz on a January evening.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoLKfSCdtpc&t=42s>

Best wishes

Simon