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## NEWSLETTER 10 - 15.06.2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we have opened more widely I have decided to revert back to our usual Newsletter format rather than the e-mails I have been sending directly.

It has been lovely to see so many happy faces in school and is rewarding to have been allowed to open more widely. We have about 50% of Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children currently attending school.

Thank you to those parents who continue to carry out home learning activities, we realise this isn't always easy and as always please get in touch with your child's teacher if you need any support.

There will be a final date to join a bubble and return to school on  $29^{th}$  June where spaces allow this. Nearer the time I will contact everyone with a deadline to let us know and this will enable me to establish if we will have enough space to invite any Year 2's back to school for the last few weeks. Being able to invite Year 2 depends purely on the number of children from the Government's prioritised year groups who choose to return to school. We have been directed to work in bubbles/classes of 15 and this limits the capacity of school. I realise some Year 2's (and their parents!) are keen to come back and will do my very best to enable this as much as possible. We will certainly have some sort of "leavers" for the children but I am waiting to see how guidelines change over the coming weeks before I finalise this.

Please note the Inset Day arranged for Monday 6th July will not be taking place.

## GOING FORWARD!!

In September Nursery children will be in Acorns Class with Mrs Babenko, Reception children will be in Oak Class with Miss Tyrrell, Year 1 children will be in Willow Class with Miss Slack (covering Miss Parson's maternity leave) and Year 2 children will be in Rowan Class with Miss Fisher. All classes will have a Teaching Assistant to support the children.

We have not been able to carry out home visits or transition to new classes. I will be in touch further about this in July but Nursery and Reception starts in September. These may be more staggered than normal to allow children time to settle in and staff time to do home visits (if these are allowed) in September.

Due to a reduction in the number of children requiring one to one support (and associated funding) Mrs Martin will be leaving us at the end of this term. We are very grateful for everything she has contributed during her time at school and wish her all the best for the future.

Although these times are very strange it has been heart-warming to see that our school community has continued to be a strong one, the communication between teachers and families has been excellent and the children have been at the heart of everything. I would like to say a very sincere thank you to parents, school staff and children for their determination to carry on and although we aren't finished yet I am re-assured we are on the right track.

As always whether your child is learning at home or at school you are in our thoughts and please get in touch if you need anything.

## DIARY DATES

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July Break up for Summer holidays

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September Inset Day

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September First day back for full time children

Kind Regards

Mrs Cook Head Teacher