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Welcome of our latest newsletter.

Thank you all for your continued support and swift response to the different surveys we are putting out, they are helping us make the difficult decisions about the phased reopening.

We are working hard to follow all the government guidance and invite the children back. We now have over 65 children in from EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 as well as a growing number in our two key worker rooms who have pupils who meet the government requirements to be offered a place.

I know there are lots of children who are desperate to come back and believe me when I say I would like them all back as soon as possible.

Our risk assessment is driving our decisions and we are now using every classroom, ensuring social distancing is maintained and pupils and staff are safe, with each bubble having their own playtime and lunchtime. The split site is working in our favour but the lack of toilets and sinks which can be given to individual bubbles is causing us problems along with the deep cleaning we need to carry out. All our staff, who are not isolating, are now working with bubbles either in classes or the key worker rooms.

We are currently trying to accommodate 23 Year 5 children. Once Year 5 are back safely, I will be working on trying to provide at least a transition bubble for Year 2, 3, and 4 so that they can have some closure with their current teacher and meet their new teacher. To do this we are looking at possibly ending the EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 by Friday 17th July, with our key worker rooms remaining open until the end of term but will confirm this in due course.

If your child is working from home, please do try to keep a routine going, there are many resources on the class pages and the website that support mental health and well-being.

### **Coming to school**

Thank you to everyone who is keeping to the staggered start times and the one-way system on the public footpath. If you arrive before 8:30 am you may contribute to blocking the footpath and create a social distancing problem for our staff who are trying to get to their classrooms, so please do not arrive earlier than 8:30 am.

Please remember you can bring your bike or scooter to school if you wish.

### **Lottery**

The school lottery is on track to raise £1248.00. Recent winners are Mr H, Mr J, Miss L, Mrs H, Mr D, Mrs L. You can join the school lottery by following this [link](#) on our website.

### **Updated Hand washing**

It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.

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The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

Children can bring their own hand sanitiser into school if they wish, but they should not share this with other children and will still need to wash their hands with water when asked to by a member of staff.

### **Snack**

The government is not providing snack for children in EYFS or KS1 so please send a healthy snack along if you would like your children to have one during break. Any pupils can have a healthy snack.

### **New Deputy Headteacher**

I am very pleased to announce that from September our new Deputy Headteacher will be Mr Worton-Geer.

### **School Photographs**

Unfortunately, due to the present times our photographer was unable to attend to take our class photographs for this year. They have therefore put together a photograph using the individual pictures that they took at the beginning of the year.

Ordering is done on-line only with your purchased items being delivered directly to you. Details of how to access and the code required will be sent via parentmail.

### **Front of the school**

You may have noticed that some work has been carried out at the front of the school, by some of the staff. The decaying leaves in the trees are ivy, which we are trying to eradicate as this damages the trees. We are hoping to have a working party again, when we are allowed to invite parents and pupils in to help with our work. The wildlife area is thriving following work previously carried out by volunteers.