



Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. It has been a long time since writing my last newsletter, and whilst having a heavy presence on Class Dojo to communicate with you all, I am aware that not everyone is able to see my posts. Starting up the newsletter again is such a positive step in our move towards our 'new normal'.

Since the 20th March when schools closed to all but the children of critical workers and vulnerable children, I know life has been a challenge for everyone. I wanted to make sure you all know what a fantastic job you have been doing at home with your children. Whether you have been trying to work from home or not, teaching your own children at home is a challenge under the best of circumstances (believe me, I know!), but the sheer length of how long you have needed to support them has surprised us all I think. Your children have also been amazing, they have coped with so much when they are used to being outside, running free, having places to go and friends to see. We do not underestimate any of this when thinking about September and (hopefully, Government allowing) we have all of the children back in school. I am one very proud Headteacher of our whole school community.

So on that note of September, I know many of you will be wondering what the plan will be, and whether we will have everyone back in the building. I am afraid to say, I don't yet know. The Government have not sent out guidance on September as yet, but at the moment, Mr Harris and I are squirrelling away with what we 'think' might be the case and planning on having all the children back in school.

I cannot wait to welcome all of the children back, and will share our plans with you as soon as the Government guidance is released and we have compared it to our plan of action (hoping it matches!). I wrote something in the staff briefing this week that I think is also relevant for all of our families:

I am looking forward to the first time when the whole school is back together again, the first morning on the gate seeing ALL of the children come through, the first assembly when the whole school are gathered as one together, the first break time when the staff can finally chat together in the staffroom, the first whole school event we can share with all of our parents and carers. This will be a magical moment, whenever it is possible and safe to do so (and will likely make me cry too!).

Building update:

Our contractors returned on the 18th May once they were able to do so, to continue with our refurbishment. They have made great strides to try and catch up for the lost time, but inevitably they are not on track for a September finish date as we had hoped for before.

We will be closing for our final two INSET days of the year on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th July as they will be handing back Phase 2 of the building (the Year 2, 3 and 4 classrooms) and every class from Reception through to Year 6 class will need to be boxed up, moved and unpacked with the help of the removals team again.

Over the summer holidays, they will be starting Phase 3 of the building works which will include the kitchen, the hall, Reception and Year 1 Classrooms (They will be moving out into the mobiles on the INSET days ready for September).

Where each class will be in a different classroom in September, each teacher will send out a booklet with photos of the new classroom, and the staff after we have unpacked and set up. This will be with you in time to share with your children before September, but please bear with us as the unpacking and getting classrooms ready will happen slowly over the summer.

The aim for completion date is that we will all move back into the school and vacate the mobiles at October Half term. The contractors will then be making good, and resurfacing our small playground and carpark to

I will continue to write a newsletter each week until the end of term, and add anything I can share with you including dates that come up for next year etc.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and continue to enjoy the most fantastic weather we could have hoped for with children being at home and for those in school.

Remember, as always, we are in school every day if you need us, Mr Harris has a Google Meet open daily (the link is on every Google Classroom most mornings), and if you haven't already, please do sign up to Class Dojo as this has been the best way of communicating with you all throughout this, as we can see how many families we have reached with our posts (If you need help getting onto it, please just give us a call and Mr Newson will help you out).

With very best wishes,

Mrs Chessell

Development Days

**The school will be closed on Thursday 23rd and
Friday 24th July**