

# Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

## Welcome Back to the Whole School

Following a successful three weeks with Pre-school, Reception, Year 1, and Year 6 children - we are delighted to be opening up the school to all ages today.

Thanks to your support, nearly 80% of our children will be in school from now on with a two-day-rota-system in place for all children, except key worker families.

Based on the experiences we have had with the children who have already returned, we know how important coming back to school has been for our children's wellbeing (as well as the staff's). It has been lovely to see the children reconnecting with their friends again and we have been very impressed with how, even our youngest children, have adapted to the school's new routines.

We are spending quite a bit of time outdoors, please make sure your child comes to school with the right clothing. We have encountered the full range of weather in the last few weeks and children need everything from rain coats to sun hats and lotion depending on the day. All children will need sensible foot wear that they can run around in, and that suits playing, cartwheeling, running around and generally having fun!

Please can you also ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle.

If you have decided not to send your child back to school yet, please remember we will need a minimum of 48 hours' notice before a place can be offered - and it is now unlikely that we will be able to offer a choice of start or end of week session.

## Farewell

This Friday we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Pearce. We would like to thank her again for her hard work with Year 3 this year.

## Looking Ahead and a Recovery Curriculum

The government's current expectation is that schools will be open in September with fulltime provision. We have yet to receive guidance on what this will look like and all provision, at both national and local level, will always be made on a safety-first basis. As we get more information we will keep you informed.

### Diary Dates

22<sup>nd</sup> June – School opens to all year groups

17<sup>th</sup> July- End of term

We are very aware that our school curriculum will need to look a bit different in September as we focus on 'recovery' - both in term of the impact on mental wellbeing and gaps in learning. This is also an opportunity to learn from some of the positives that the children have experienced in this period away from school. We are very fortunate to have so many of our children back in school as this is enabling us to listen to their ideas and ensure we have planned the best possible curriculum to suit their needs going forwards. We will also be sending out a short questionnaire to parents so that we can gather your thought as well.

This month's value ~ Hope

