

Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a long time since I wrote to you about matters that weren't Corona-related. Having already written a weekly Corona-update I am determined to write to you about something different today; so here we go...

I have been around the school to see how everyone is getting on and I am delighted by what I have seen. Lots of happy, smiley faces and that's just the teachers! The children are doing wonderfully well and have been keen to share what they have been doing so here are some of the things they have told me:

In Saplings, they have made a brilliant start and new routines have settled well this week. It is amazing to see how quickly our youngest children have settled and they were enjoying a nice story this afternoon during my visit.

In Reception, the children have also settled really well this week and have quickly got to grips with new routines and arrangements. The teachers have been 'blown away' by some of their work in number already which is a great start for some exciting work ahead.

Year one has been super-busy and have produced some lovely writing this week. Their teachers have described their handwriting as 'all time wow' which is a technical term that means it is really neat! They have also managed new routines really well, there's been music and dancing and they have been very kind to each other which is lovely to see.

Year 2 have started their new whole class group reading book, Amazing Grace which has led onto some great discussions about how everyone in Year 2 is amazing. How lovely is that?

Year 3 have been working in their bubbles, like everyone else but they have been using the Chromebooks to create links between their bubbles which is a great idea. They had a year group assembly to develop their conferencing skills which is a brilliant use of technology.

Year 4 have produced some amazing 'work hard, be nice' posters, have done some excellent poetry and have been busy on their maths checkpoint challenges.

Year 5 have made a 'delicious' start to their topic on Chocolate. They have been doing 'Just Dance' to get them ready to work, have revisited some protective behaviours work and have shown great independence, exactly what we are looking for from some of our older pupils.

In Year 6 they have completed writing tasks that have demonstrated a reassuring level of proficiency given the duration of their time away. They have taken some 'safe selfies', have learned some new playground games and have generally 'cracked on really well', according to Mrs Khaira.

My overall observations of this week have been incredibly positive. The children and staff are working really well together and everyone has helped us to establish positive, safe new routines.



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Many thanks to all of you for your continuing support. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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