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Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Update #11

We so enjoyed having virtually every child back in school last week, even if it was only a short time for Year 3 and Year 4. The staff felt quite emotional seeing them all coming in. We look forward to seeing them in school this week too.



Sports Days for all year groups:

As sporting activities can take place outside (where the C19 risk is much lower) we are holding a Sports Day event for each year group this week. These will be for children only - sorry, but no spectators on this occasion.

The dates and times are thus:

Year 6 : Wednesday 1st July (9.30am – 11.30am)

Year 5 : Wednesday 1st July (1.15pm to 3.15pm)

(NB: we have swapped round Year 5 and Year 6 since my previous update)

Year 3 : Thursday 2nd July (9.30am to 11.30am)

Year 4 : Thursday 2nd July (1.30pm to 3.30pm)

Sports Day Information:

i) **Events** - The children will be competing for their 'Bubble', not their school house.

Round Robin Field Events – the children will be taking part in Throw the Shoe, Bench Bounce, Hula Hoop Twirl, Bottle Flip. We are keeping all shared equipment down to a minimum, but we will be wiping it down between each competitor. They will throw their own sports shoe (and hop to retrieve it), and flip their own water bottle - so please ensure they come in to school with one.

Track Events – these will include 1 lap sprint, straight sprint, non-touch relay, sprint hurdles, space hopper race.

ii) **Parent Helpers**

We will let parent helpers know asap if we need to take up offers of help. Thank you for the many offers.

iii) **Team Colours**

We are asking children to wear school PE shorts and a top/T-shirt in the colour of their 'bubble' (or as close as possible - we understand if the T-shirt has wording/pictures on). I understand that Year 6 and Year 5 already know their colours. Year 3 and Year 4 'Bubble' colours are as follows:

3Bi – blue ; 3Bii – red ; 3Wi – yellow ; 3Wii – green

4Pi – blue ; 4Pii – red ; 4WTi – yellow ; 4WTii – green

iv) **First Aid**

This will be provided by adults in a child's 'bubble'.



v) Safe Distancing

We have had extra lanes painted on the field so children will run with a lane between them. If each child brings in a towel to sit on we can ensure safe distancing in the 'paddocks'. All adults helping will be asked to comply with safe distancing guidance.

vi) Year 3 and Year 4 specifically

Class 3W and 4WT bubbles should arrive and leave from the main gate.

Class 3B and 4P should arrive and leave by the Brighton Road gate.

The children will be able to select their track events on the day when they arrive. Each child should be able to run 3 races.

We will allocate separate toilets to each bubble,

vii) Things your child will need for Sports Day

PE kit with appropriate colour T-shirt, bottle of water to flip, sun hat, rain coat, towel to sit on/safe distance.

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Year 3 and Year 4 Field Bubbles

These worked very well last week. We were able to safe distance in the outdoors, covered classroom and so escape the sun and the wind (no rain in the end). This week we hope to use the field when Year 4s come in (no Year 3 Field Bubbles this week because of the Sports Day events).

VLE- Photo upload and HT Challenge videos

Back by popular demand! There is a new 'photo upload' homework on the VLE for all year groups. Please also have a look at the projects pages for a new Mr C and Mrs B challenge video (obstacle course challenge).

Munstead House Charity Event – Monday 6th July 'Beach-theme' mufti day

I am immensely proud of our Munstead House Captains. They have used their time in lockdown to work on their house charity event, arranging Zooms and social distanced meetings out of school. Today the children shared their plans in their 'bubble assemblies' with Year 6, and we will share a video of this assembly to the rest of the school via the VLE. This can be found on the Mr C and Mrs B's Challenge page.

For Years 5 and 6 there is an in school 'Who Dunit' challenge where children are asked to solve the murder of Mr Catchpole! Year 3 and 4 have a quiz that has been written especially for them by our House Captains.

The in-school event for Year 5 and 6 will take place next Monday 6th July and the virtual event for Years 3 and 4 will also be posted on the VLE next Monday. The children are asking for a donation of 50p from all those who take part, as they are raising funds to buy some new toys for Blue Willow Nursery. Please can Year 5 and 6 bring in their money on next Monday, and Year 3 and 4 bring 50p donation when they come to their 'Field Bubbles' next week.

Children are free to wear 'Beach-theme' Mufti on Monday 6th July.

Friends PTA Fundraiser – Sponsored event

Do look at the letter attached from our wonderful Friends PTA outlining an 'At-Home' sponsored event. We are raising funds to replace the PCs in the IT Suite as the existing PCs are rather sluggish.

End of Term Dates, Bump-Up Days and Good-Bye Days

- (i) The school year will finish for Year 6 children on Friday 17th July. This is in line with other schools in Godalming.
- (ii) The school year will end for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 on Wednesday 22nd July, as planned.
- (iii) Monday 20th July – Bump-Up Days : Our current Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 children will attend school for a morning or an afternoon (times and groups tbc) to meet their September 2020 teacher and take part in transition activities.



- (iv) Tuesday 21st July - New Year 3 Transition Day with the September 2020 teachers. Year 4 and Year 5 children will be invited into school in 'bubbles' to be with their current teacher for the morning or the afternoon. Year 3 children will be invited in but they will be with Year 6 teachers, again in 'bubbles', as the Year 3 teachers will be spending time with their new classes for next year.
- (v) Wednesday 22nd July - This is our 'Goodbye Day'. Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will be with their current teacher, in morning / afternoon 'bubbles'.

We are very aware that the arrangements above involve children swapping between adults on successive days. If you wish to focus your child on attending for just one day (e.g. the Bump Up Day) then that is of course fine.

School Lunches

School lunches are available for children in Year 5 and 6, as well as the key worker children in Years 3 and 4. Please find attached a Customer Charter from our caterers Twelve 15, which details the ways in which they are working safely to deliver their menu.

'Test and Trace'

In line with government advice we are co-operating with the 'Test and Trace' initiative. Please refer to the email sent home to parents on Friday 12th June to see our procedures around this in school.

Reading Books

Our Gate Library will now run on Thursdays when Year 3 are in for 'Field Bubbles'. Please respect safe distancing when selecting books, and ensure books are returned having been wiped down with anti-bac. We do need the books to be returned as a lot of money has been spent by the school and fundraised by the Friends PTA to provide these books.

New exercise books needed?

Please remember that if you need one, we have a plastic box left by the school gates daily for you to collect a new exercise book within school hours. There are a selection of lined, squared and plain books available.

Hardship

We are very aware of the negative impact this shut down will be having on families in many ways, especially financially. Those families who meet the threshold to receive 'free school meals' due to their income, benefits etc. are receiving some extra support. If you are experiencing hardship but don't previously qualify as 'free school meals' do get in touch as we may be able to arrange some support for you, or you may now qualify for entitlement to 'free school meals' support.

Please remember that if you have a Safeguarding concern around any child please contact us or Surrey Children's Services: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/childrens-social-care/contact-childrens-services> or phone 0300 470 9100.

Finally, do please remind your child to use the school VLE messaging service (and indeed all social media platforms) considerately. We very rarely see messages on our VLE with inappropriate language, but from time to time we see messages with slightly hurtful or inconsiderate content. Do please have a look at your child's VLE messages from time to time.

With best wishes,



Richard Catchpole (Headteacher)

