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Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Update #13

So here we are in the last full week of the school term, putting together the final touches of another school year. And yet a school year like no other. Thankfully, despite the many restrictions, we have been able to hold some of the usual summer events like Sports Days. With a bit of creativity, determination and a 'half-full' attitude we have been able to involve Year 6 in virtually all of the end of term / transition activities that they would normally take part in. For example, earlier today the Year 6 bubbles took part in a brief Leaver's Service across in Busbridge Church.



This Update contains information about the end of term as well as more information around school from September 2020.

Year 6 – end of term on Friday 17th July

We say a very fond and sad farewell to our Year 6 children on Friday. Please note the slight change of timings to the end of school for them:

6E bubbles - school ends at 3.00pm

6M bubbles - school ends at 3.10pm (change of time)

Parents are allowed on the playground on the last day but we ask that children / parents vacate the site fairly promptly and continue their 'Good-Byes' socially distanced away from school.

Home Learning

Please note that home learning activities set by the school end this week on Friday 17th July. We won't be setting work for over the holidays but reading and times tables do need to continue, preferably daily.

Key Worker / Year 3 & Year 4 Fantastic Foxes next week

As shared with you previously, the Key Worker provision will end on Friday 17th July so will not continue next week. Home learning will also stop on Friday 17th July.

Governor Vacancy

We have a space on our governing body to fill. If you are interested in finding out more information then please contact either myself or Ron Downhill, our Chair of Governors (chairofgovs@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk).

Children's Annual Reports

Year 6 reports will be issued on Wednesday 15th July with all other children receiving their reports on Tuesday 21st July.

End of Term Dates, Bump-Up Days and Good-Bye Days (Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd July)

Alongside this update you have been sent details of timings for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 bubbles coming in to school on the final 3 days of term (Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd July) – this is the same information as sent out last week.



We are very aware that the arrangements for the final three days of term 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. We will of course be carrying on with measures in our risk assessment, such as safe distancing and hand washing.

School in September

Our plans for September 2020 are moving on a pace. Below you will see an overview.

The DfE guidance for what parents and carers need to know about the autumn term can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

- Basic principles from the DfE: (i) Minimise the number of contacts that a pupil has during the school day (ii) Have controls to reduce the risk of transmission.
- Children will be in school full-time, in classes of 30.
- Due to organisational logistics we are organising the children into year group bubbles.
- Timings: we will have staggered drop off / pick up. They will be at 8.50am or 9.00am and 3.15pm or 3.30pm.
- Day trips and visits will still take place
- Breakfast Club & After School Club will start up again (with restrictions in place)
- After school clubs – these may well be permitted but under certain restrictions.
- Autumn Term curriculum: we will carry on with the planned Autumn curriculum. However we will have more stringent assessments at the start of term to pick up on gaps in knowledge, especially in maths and English. We will look to challenge all children, regardless of whether they have struggled with progress in home learning or made super progress at home during Lockdown.
- We have not received information from the government regarding catch-up funding for our school. However we have put our own plans for catch-up sessions in school time.

School lunches from September

From September 2020, children will be able to select a school lunch or bring a packed lunch from home. The school lunch will consist of a hot takeaway meal and will be priced at £2.40 per day/£12.00 per week. There will be a choice of main or vegetarian. Year 3 children will eat their meal in the school dining hall and all other year groups will collect their takeaway meal from the dining hall and eat in their classroom. Cutlery will be provided for children to use where applicable. Please review the two attached menus (Menu 1 for main meal, menu 2 for vegetarian) and decide if you would like your child to partake in a school meal. NB. Children will be able to choose between these two menus each day.

Please could all parents complete the Survey Monkey below (using the survey for the year group that your child will be part of in September) to confirm your child's meal choice for September. **Please complete the survey by Friday 17th July to enable the school kitchen to order their supplies - thank you.**

Year 4 (current Year 3) school lunch survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BJYK8GZ>

Year 5 (current Year 4) school lunch survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BJPLX95>

Year 6 (current Year 5) school lunch survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BQ9NZ6T>

With best wishes,



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