

## Keeping in Touch – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear all,

I hope that you have all had a good week, and your families are keeping safe and well.

I had hoped that we would be able to share plans with you by now of what we hope to do in terms of desperately wanting to be able to welcome all children back into school before the summer holidays. However, this is proving very complex. This means I am going to have to ask for your patience until early next week for us to be able to communicate these with you. I am very sorry that we are not able to achieve this more quickly, as I do appreciate that you are all keen to know. Please rest assured that we are doing all we can in school to create the best and safest of plans for all children.

Life is so very far from 'normal' at the moment, but we are trying to retain as much of what we would usually do as possible, and End of Year Reports are one of these things. They are such an important document for you and your child to share and celebrate in all they have learnt and done, we did not want to lose that this year. We will be using the same format for these as we used last year. But due to the constraints that we are currently operating under because of the pandemic, we have made the decision that these will be sent out electronically this year rather than as a paper copy. To ensure security for this, your child's report will be a password protected file that will be emailed to you, whilst you will receive the password separately in a text message. All reports will be sent out during the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July, but due to the logistics of this they will not all be sent on the same day. We will let you know the timetable we will operate to for this nearer the time.

Acorn is very aware that this is a challenging time financially for many families across all our different schools. Therefore they are initiating a trust-wide fundraising project to raise money to support families who may need help buying uniform and supplies for September. We will be sending out more information about this next week and how you can get involved: you may wish to just make a donation; or you may decide you want to give something up for a week (chocolate, alcohol, pocket money, etc) and donate the money you have saved; or you may think as a family you could organise a small sponsored event. The world is your oyster! So look out for further details in next week's letter.

Looking through my diary this week, I spotted that it should have been our Sport's Day on Wednesday - possibly the reason why the weather has been so awful! It is very sad that we are missing out on so many things that bring us joy at the minute. But I hope that in amongst the losses and the deprivation, you can see your child developing resilience and fortitude to face and conquer challenges, things that will serve them well throughout their life.

Best wishes,  
Lindsey Hermon



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