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Dear parents and children,

I hope that you are all well and coping with the lockdown. It has certainly been a very strange start to the summer term and my headship at the Grove. I am saddened that I will not be able to meet you all out on the playground, first thing in the morning and at the end of the school day, for a while yet. We still don't know when we will start to have all the children back in school, but as soon as I know what is happening, I will let you all know. Everyone at school is very much looking forward to welcoming you all back. You are all missed – school is far too quiet!

It was also a very sad way for Ms Martin to leave the school so we will be arranging with her to come back to school for a proper goodbye once everything has returned to normal. Once we have a date, and some confirmed plans, we will let you know.

A little bit about me! This is my third headship and I have been in teaching for nearly 24 years. (That number makes me feel very old some days.) I live in North Hertfordshire with my partner, two stepchildren and my Border Collie, Mollie. I love getting out into the local fields for a long walk with Mollie or, when we are not in lockdown, putting her through her paces on an agility course. I also have a passion for baking and reading too.

School is very quiet, at the moment, although it is lovely to see the small number of children we have in as their parents are both key workers. Quite rightly, the majority of you are staying at home as the Government have asked. Thank you for supporting us in this.

As a team, we have been discussing how we keep in touch with you as this lockdown goes on. We will keep putting the weekly home learning menus on the website but we also are going to ensure that all your teachers have your email addresses. This means you will start to get a weekly email from your class teacher from the class email account. Please do reply to the teachers with pictures of learning, for example, or ask any questions that you may have. We will also be making more use of our Facebook account – if you know anyone who has not yet joined it, please encourage them to request to join. Teachers are going to be creating short videos over the coming weeks – I am intrigued to see what they come up with. Children in Aviary Class – keep using SeeSaw, please. If you have any other ideas, please email your class teacher.

We have a number of families who have asked for the weekly learning menus to be printed off for them. We are happy to help and please email your class teacher using the class email address if you need us to do this for you. We will then let you know a time when you can come and pick it up from school. If this is a problem, please let us know and we will see how we can help further.

If you have any queries or concerns, please phone school and leave a message on the answer machine if we don't answer or email us at office@grove.cambs.sch.uk

I am planning to write a brief weekly newsletter starting next Monday. I hope you will find it useful.

Take care,

Miss E Shaw
Headteacher

