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19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear St Barnabas families,

I am writing to update you all about your child's school after a fortnight of us returning to Learning at School. We have managed to return 30 of our children into school and we have 62 children completing School at Home.

This has been done safely and following all of the government's guidance on social distancing. Since March 2020 no child in the school has become ill with any Covid-19 symptoms and this has not changed in the last fortnight.

Our Y5 children, who will be in their last year of primary school in 2020-2021, have commenced Online Schooling with Mr Georgiou and we have been pleased with the effort seen from those children.

We continue to provide School at Home learning packs for all children who are not part of Learn at School or Y5 our Online School. They will be available from Thursdays from next week.

We have started transition meetings onsite for all our Y6 children going to secondary school. Over the next month we are aiming to offer any child who has not been into school since March 2020 the chance to come to school for a number of hours and get ready for September 2020. Mrs Testo and Ms Davidson will be contacting all our families.

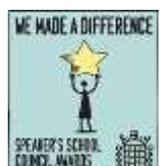
Our class teachers for 2020-2021 will be:

LEO CLASS YR and Y1 Mrs Ashley Lewis

TAURUS CLASS Y2 and Y3 Mrs Sarah Fowkes and Mrs Debbie Fisher

ARIES CLASS Y4 and Y5 Mrs Clare Hume and Mrs Cat Kupai

SCORPIUS CLASS Y6 Mr Giorgos Georgiou



Your child's class teacher is currently writing their Report to Parents and all families will receive their child's report before the end of this school term.

We have managed to obtain, through substantial financial donations from our community, refurbished laptops which we will be distributing to every YR-Y5 child in the school in June 2020 and July 2020. These will be available to support all children learning at home during the summer holiday and in the 2020-2021 year. Most of our families have indicated they have Wi-Fi in their homes. If you do not have Wi-Fi the school has donated money available to guarantee Wi-Fi until the end of December 2020. Please tell your child's class teacher or the school office if you will need that.

Following the campaigning of our school and the City of Bristol, alongside the footballer Marcus Rashford, we will be able to supply all our families with children eligible for free school meals with FSM supermarket vouchers across the summer holiday. We expect to distribute 6 weeks of vouchers on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020. There will also be two week payments on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Our Community Food Share food bank will continue to run at school on Thursdays from 1.30pm-2.30pm over the next month. We have negotiated with St Werburgh's Community Centre that the Community Food Share will operate from there during the summer holiday. We know that around 30 of our families have found regularly using our food bank useful and we are pleased we have been able to ensure it can be there for you in July and August. There will be some changes to how we run it over the next weeks.

We have some other important positive news about our school to share with you which I believe secures its future in our community after some difficult times. I will be contacting you over the next fortnight to share it with you.

Mrs Debbie Fisher and I are currently planning for all of our children to start school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. I will be contacting you in the next few weeks to share with you how we intend to keep all of our children safe while they are with us on school. Some of the changes we have introduced in June 2020 will be staying into the next school year to keep everyone safe.

The staff, governors and I would like to thank all of our families for their support since March 2020. It has been fantastic to see the mutual support from all in our community. The staff have enjoyed the regular phone and email contact with you and your families. Such unity and partnership are what will continue to make sure our school gets better and better and ensure your children succeed.

Yours sincerely

Mr Jon Barr Headteacher