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### Term 6 – Week 3- 2019-2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week back and we will be extending our provision more next week by introducing a 4<sup>th</sup> Bubble which will be based in the High Peaks Classroom. This will be a mixed bubble and will include our key worker children from different year groups.

The following week we will be introducing a 5<sup>th</sup> Bubble that will be from 9:30-12:30p.m on Thursdays and Fridays for children who would like to return but are not in the key worker category. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Bubble will be based in the Hall and be led by Mrs West, who is very excited about getting to teach again! A lot of the learning will be based outside. Please see the parent guidance attached to this newsletter to help support your child in their return.

This has taken a lot of planning, phone calls and emails so we are pleased that we finally have a plan that allows all those who want to return before the summer holidays to do so, even if it is not full time. We know that many schools have been unable to do this and some are not even able to have all of the priority year groups back.

Letters were sent out this week with further information to those families that requested a place in term 6. We are aware that there has been some confusion in messages through year group 'What's App' groups.

We have had to plan our 'Bubbles' on an individual basis for a space for each child rather than children returning depending on who else they know is coming back. We are unable to accommodate any more in these Bubbles now, unless a child needs a key worker place. In that instance we will have to take a place from a child that is not in the vulnerable or key worker priority placements.

| <u>Diary</u>     |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>June</b>      |                           |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Bubble 4 return to school |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Art Week                  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Virtual sports day        |
| <b>July</b>      |                           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Bubble 5 return to school |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Year 6 Patina             |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Last day of term          |

We are unable to give any information out yet regarding September as we anticipate further guidance from government and the local authority on this.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL REMINDERS

### Snacks and lunchboxes

This term, children are only having packed lunches for school dinners, either ordered from the school kitchen or brought in from home. Please can we remind you that packed lunches from home must be NUT FREE, including chocolate spreads containing nuts. We continue to promote healthy eating at school and therefore ask that chocolate bars and sweets are not included in packed lunches. Small chocolate covered biscuits- Kit Kats, Penguin bars etc are fine. As a rule of thumb, if it is in the biscuit aisle, it is a biscuit; therefore ok in school.





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In terms of snack, we are currently not having fruit delivered and are therefore asking children to provide a snack for the morning, if you wish. Can we ask that snacks are only either a piece of fruit or a vegetable snack e.g. carrot sticks, cucumber slices. Please do not send other items such as biscuits or fruit bars in for snack time.

### **PICK UP TIME**

To reduce the number of people on site at any given time and prevent the mixing of bubbles, we have a staggered time for collection for KS1 and KS2 children. We are aware that people are staying on the playground after school to reconnect and allow children to play. Could we please remind everyone to maintain social distancing if you do remain at school after 2pm. Could we also remind you that no one can re-enter the building after 2pm for any reasons as staff have a strict cleaning regime to follow and teachers are still working to support children that are home schooling. Many thanks

### **PELHAM FIELD**

We were extremely disappointed to hear this week that the Parish Council have come to the decision to take no further action, regarding fencing Pelham field, as we thought they had agreed in principle of a proposed plan to fence and gate it and have a light sensor in the office that would flash if anyone entered the field. East Sussex had agreed to fund the project and felt it was necessary in the safeguarding of the children in our school. This was going to be presented to members of the Parish to gain their views, as well as the previous 1997 agreement of fencing off in the playground area, to see which was more in the interest of the community.

The Parish Council wrote to the Earl of Chichester who bequeathed the land and his response was that he didn't want fencing. I have asked to see the letter that was sent to the Earl of Chichester and the response he gave as I am not sure in what context he was informed why he was being asked. I did mention at the last Parish Council meeting I attended, that it would be important for him to have the context regarding the schools request to support the safeguarding of children in school and not just be asked if he wanted the field fenced or not.

We feel very let down by this decision as it was taken when there was no representative from the school at the meeting and no invitation to gain more views from members of the Parish who regularly use Pelham field. We are aware that the majority of members who attended this meeting were opposed to this decision from the start (3 out of 4 members to my knowledge).

We have been trying to work with the Parish Council for the last 10 years regarding making the boundary safer on Pelham field and do not feel that this has been dealt with in a representative manner. We feel it is important to ask members of the parish to voice their views as do not feel that there has been sufficient canvassing of opinion on this.

We appreciate that we are in a very difficult time regarding gaining peoples view points but this decision seems to have been rushed through without anyone knowing it was due to be made on that date. If you would like to express your views and opinion on this decision then please use the email that has been set

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up for this purpose. [pelhamfieldlaughton@gmail.com](mailto:pelhamfieldlaughton@gmail.com) Gemma who is a parent, governor and member of the parish will be collating these to take to the Parish Council to get the item back on the agenda.



### VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY

Miss Mandy, our PE Coordinator has organised a virtual Sports Day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Please see details attached. The children in school will do it on that day and those at home have the option of doing the activities that morning or starting them earlier in the week. Please ensure that those participating at home have sent their scores in by 12 noon on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> so that our Year 6 can calculate the total to see which house has won.

### ARTS WEEK

Next week is Arts Week and the focus is on 'Enchanted Woodland'. The teachers have lots of fun activities planned which will also be shared on the learning platform for those who are working from home. Please email any artwork created at home so that we can share with the children who are in school. We look forward to seeing how art week went in our next newsletter.



### LEARNING

There has been some fantastic learning going on this week and here are some of photos of what the children have been doing in school. We look forward to welcoming back more bubbles over the next couple of weeks.



### SAM MUSIC SERVICE

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Wishing you a very happy weekend.

Rachel West and Vicki Brown