

16th July 2020

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of what has been an eventful school year, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the school. I would also like to say thank you from myself and the staff for the gifts you given us. They are being stored as recommended so are yet to be opened, and we are most appreciative of your expressions of kindness. The flowers and other perishable gifts have been carefully and safely taken home to be enjoyed at their best.

The children have benefitted from being back with their peers over recent weeks, and it has been wonderful to have them with us. We are looking forward to all the children being back in September as the government have clearly set out in their guidance for parents. Before then we have the summer break in which to plan, and also to fit in some rest time. I do hope that you too will be able to relax and perhaps visit a different area, hopefully with good weather. Please may I remind you that collection times for Tuesday – our last day – will be as they have been over recent weeks.

I feel that you had all been so supportive of your children's learning during the lockdown period, you are probably also looking forward to more play over the summer. Learning activities will not be set by the teachers for the next weeks, however, to help your child maintain the progress they have made, I would encourage you to continue to read a range of stories and other materials with your child. In addition (or even subtraction!) do play some dice games, encourage your child to help with money, and any other numerical activities to help them to consolidate their understanding. We have left the 'websites to inspire' links on the parent page of the school website to help you with virtual visits where physical ones may not be practical. The children were very excited to share with the staff things they had done at home, and we look forward to hearing more in September.

I would like to make all parents aware that earlier today some scientific information was released which suggests that a skin rash may be a symptom of Covid-19. At the present time we are contacting parents to collect their children at any sign of the child being unwell, which would include a rash. Please do check your child is well before they come to school. I will, of course, keep you all up to date for the start of the Autumn term as to the advice we are given regarding what to look for.

I hope you found the information last week helpful in understanding the next 'normal' for the Autumn term. Please do remember that stationery items can be purchased from the school, at less cost and perhaps more convenience than commercial retail outlets. I am including again the times for September so that you will be able to plan ready for Thursday 3rd.

September Year group	Arrival window	Pick up arrival not before	Pick up dismissal
R	8:55 – 9:00	2:55	3:00
1	8:50 – 8:55	2:50	2:55
2	8:45 – 8:50	2:45	2:50
3	8:35 – 8:40	2:35	2:40
4	8:40 – 8:45	2:40	2:45
5	8:30 – 8:35	2:30	2:35
6	8:25 – 8:30	2:25	2:30

I do hope that many of you were able to tune in last Friday to listen to 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. I so enjoyed listening to the children and the humour of the story. We are all incredibly proud of the achievements of Y6. Very well done!

I will send a communication on Tuesday to mark the end of the year, but then I hope to leave you all in peace until almost the start of term in September, unless the August announcements from the Government require me to contact you urgently.

The forecast for the weather tomorrow looks lovely and should be warm at the weekend too. Enjoy it if you can.

Mrs K. Tamlyn

Head Teacher