

## ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Good afternoon to you all. I hope that you continue to keep well and safe.

As we approach the final few weeks of the school term, I want to give you my latest updates.

The pupils who have been attending school, have to date, been coping very well and continue to do so. Huge thanks to both staff and parents for their support in managing this.

Teachers continue to upload work regularly for your child to access the same learning at home. I am aware that this is becoming an increasingly big challenge for both the children and families. I thank you for trying to keep your child motivated whilst balancing their happiness. Not being in school for such a long time would have been unthinkable 6 months ago and yet we are still in the same situation for so many of our children. I continue to meet with senior staff weekly with this in mind and this week you will see some challenges added to the afternoon sessions to potentially extend learning for pupils who would like this.

### **Transition Sessions**

It is very important that the children have an opportunity to say goodbye to their class teachers before the end of the term. Therefore, I am delighted to say that we would like to invite the children who are not in school to attend a 'Transition Session' over the course of next week. The session will be an hour long and either held on the field or in the hall, weather dependent. If your child could arrive at their allocated time, there will be staff there to greet them and give them some hand sanitiser. Please come through either of the front gates and at the end of the session, children will be dismissed by the front playground. At present, we are not opening the drop off zone.

There is not a specified session for Reception children as the majority are now in school, however, if your child has not attended thus far, please contact the class teacher for a mutually agreed time to say goodbye to them.

As Mrs Heath is currently not well, we will be in touch shortly about a date for 4 Rowling.

### **Transition Session Timetable**

Timings	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
9.30-10.30am	1 Ladybirds	2 Squirrels	4 Tolkien
11-12 pm	1 Bumblebees	3 Monet	5 Fiennes
1.30-2.30pm	2 Hedgehogs	3 Delaunay	5 Earhart

## Year 6

We are really looking forward to welcoming the Year 6 children back in the final day and a half. I met with Mrs Nicholas-Robinson last week and we agreed that the usual Year 6 end of year activities will not be possible in school with current restrictions. She will be in touch with parents about rescheduling these activities.

Your child will be placed in a bubble like other pupils and transition activities within class can take place as normal.

We would like to invite parents of Year 6 to join us for a leavers' assembly at 9.30am on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This will take place if the weather is fine, on the school field with seating socially distanced. If the weather is not good, unfortunately, this will not be possible. We say our prayers for fine weather.

If your child is attending and you have still not replied, please do so as soon as possible so that we can plan staffing for the new bubbles.

**A general reminder to all parents whose children are already attending school. Please inform the office if you are able to keep your child at home in the final day and a half so that again, I can plan staffing.**

## Next year's classes.

After careful consideration and discussion with other staff, I have made the decision that classes will not be mixed this year. The children have had a very unsettling time over the past few months and maintaining the current classes will prevent an unnecessary change and enable consistency as they manage the transition back into school. I appreciate and understand that some families will be disappointed to hear this, but taking into account the need to minimise change for the children, I feel this is the best possible decision for them. If you have any questions, please contact the class teacher.

I will be writing to you all next week with the latest updates regarding September opening. You may have heard Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary, on Thursday stating that we may be opening bubbles up to 30 by then. I continue to work with my senior team to follow Government guidance and what this will look like for St. Anne's. I will be in touch with further details.

In the meantime, I continue to thank you all for your support at this time both for the school and your children.

God Bless



Mrs Murphy  
Acting Headteacher

