

3 June 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new half term, our last of this rather strange and disrupted school year. Normally at this time we would be planning sports day, class transitions, school productions and picnics but nothing about this summer term has been normal for any of us.

It seems fitting that we have just celebrated the feast of Pentecost where the disciples, anxious and fearful after the death of Jesus, received the gift of the Holy Spirit. This filled them with courage and faith, gifts of which we are currently all in need.

This week we are welcoming back into school many of our children in those year groups assigned by the government, FS2, Y1 and Y6 as well as a number of children of keyworkers. It has been wonderful to hear children's voices and laughter in the classrooms again and to catch up with some of their lockdown stories and although we can't gather as a whole group there is a feeling of being part of something bigger. (Not sure what a collection of bubbles is called?!)

Of course, not everyone can be or wants to be back in school at the moment and with the conflicting news stories it is no wonder that there is some anxiety around the easing of the restrictions.

Remote learning

Remote Learning is continuing for those of you not in school and many of you will receive either phone or email communication from Mrs Hinckley, Mrs Babb or Mrs Lucas, our Remote Learning Team. They will be adding tasks and activities to the usual web pages for you to use at home. Please continue to send pictures and news to the class emails as before, we still want to know how you are getting on at home. It is as important as ever that you and your child/ren engage with the tasks being set by your teacher.

Further reopening

At the moment, there is no sign of if or when we will reopening to other year groups and practically this does not seem likely with the current restrictions on class size and social distancing measures in place. However, should things change I will be in touch.

Those parents of children in FS2, Y1 and Y6, and keyworkers will be contacted towards the end of June and will be able to reconsider their choice as to whether to return to school for the end of term or not. Please be aware that as numbers rise it may not be possible for all children to be with their class teacher or in their own classroom. Clearly, with all these classes having more than 20 pupils, we will need to split children into the appropriate sized "bubble". The government guidance allows us to use all teachers and teaching assistants to supervise classes.

Sports Day

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel Sports Day for this year. It is not possible for us to plan for this given the current restrictions.

Spaces in Reception class for September

We still have a few spaces in our reception class for September so if you know of anyone who has moved into the area, or hasn't got the school place they had hoped for please ask them to get in touch with us.

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Uniform

And just in case anyone needs to purchase new items for children for next term here is a reminder of our uniform suppliers that produce the logo items:

- Skoolkit (online and a shop in Newbury) <https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/1174>
- myclothing (online) <https://myclothing.com/bradfield-c-e-primary-school/7126.school>

I hope that you are all keeping well and I hope that we will be together again before too long. Many thanks for your continued support and good wishes.

Kind regards,

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