



Dear Parents and Carers,

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Thank you for your support this half term.

I know many of you were concerned about the children returning after such a long time away from school. You were also aware that school would be different, there would be different routines, extra precautions would have to be put in place, and you'd be wondering how the children would cope with this. You've also had to adapt to a staggered start and not being able to speak to staff in the usual way.

There have been many changes but both you and the children have responded well to this and we've had a really positive half term.

We've also not had to close any bubbles, and that's a huge thanks to you for that as well as a bit of luck. The time may come when we have to do that but if you can continue what you are doing – following the government guidance, limiting contact, ensuring your children do not play out unsupervised, then it gives us a great chance of giving children consistent access to their education.

We've supported two charities this term – PACT house were very grateful for the provisions you donated and The People's Kitchen were delighted with the £133 we raised on our non-school uniform day. Thank you for that.

Straight after half term we have our Parent Meetings. These will take place over the telephone. I have asked the teachers to set a timer at the start of your conversation. They'll set this to 8 minutes so it gives time for the conversation to be wound up before the end of the time slot. It will be important to do this so that they can keep to schedule.

Can I remind you that after half term we are adjusting the start times allowing 10 minutes, rather than 15, for arrival. This will still give enough time for parents to access the school site whilst maintaining social distancing and will also ensure that we don't have bubbles mixing in the porch.

Therefore from 2<sup>nd</sup> November the following will apply:

**Reception, Y2, Y3, 56T and 6P**

**Arrival between 8:45 and 8:55**

**Pre-School, Y1, Y4 and 5M**

**Arrival between 9:00 and 9:10**

Our extended school day on a Wednesday does not start until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November so I will remind you about that on our return.

The children are definitely ready for a break now. I know that it will be limited as to what they can do over half term but hopefully you can enjoy your time together.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Kay Hemmings  
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