

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021



As we approach half term I thought it would be useful to give you an update on a few things.



### Teams Meetings

Thank you for your support in facilitating the Teams Meetings for the children. Our first week has gone well and been enjoyed by those who were able to take part. As with anything new, we have had some teething problems but hope to iron these out the more we do it.

The meetings will now take place on a weekly basis at the same time. We thought this would make it more manageable for you if we kept it the same time.

The link will be sent about 10 minutes before the session is due to take place.

The timetable is as follows, just as a reminder for you.

	11:00 – 11:30	1:30 to 2:00	2:20 to 2:50
<b>Monday</b>			4F
<b>Tuesday</b>		56T and 3M	5M and 4R
<b>Wednesday</b>		6P	3D
<b>Thursday</b>	Reception	1Mc	2B
<b>Friday</b>	Pre-School	1D	2W

### Government announcement re 8<sup>th</sup> March

I fully appreciate that all parents are keen for their children to get back into school. So are we! I know it's a juggling act for parents and staff to make sure the children are having the best learning experience, given the circumstances. The Prime Minister said that it was their hope that a phased return to school **might** be possible from the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> March. No more details have been given yet and if the last year is anything to go by, we will be told of their plans at the same time as you. We can only assume that, if they do feel the time is right, some year groups may be able to return to school. We won't be able to plan for this until we know more but please be assured, once we have the information we will start to work out how do this and will let you know as soon as we have a plan.



### Parent Meetings

Last term we managed to have the Parent Meetings via a phone call between your child's teacher and you. We were also able to send out the Attitudes to Learning forms followed by the Assessment Data forms.

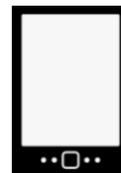
This term we would have been due to hold a second Parent Meeting after February half term. However, given the current circumstances, we have decided not to hold these. We feel that, for those children who are working from home, parents are receiving daily feedback on their children's work via eSchools. They also have access to the staff if there are any problems or their child does not understand. Staff are communicating directly with parents via the messaging option on eSchools and are also making phone calls.

For those children in school, the staff will ring parents either before or just after half term to give an update on how they are managing in school. We feel this is enough at this point.

During the summer term the update on progress will be via the annual written report. I hope you understand the reasons for these changes this year and, as ever, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact.

## Tablets

A parent has kindly donated two tablets with chargers. They are in working order so if you would like to have one, just let us know – and many thanks to our kind donator.



# Pre-School

If your child is 3 years old, or will be 3 years old by the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, you could be eligible for a free place in our fantastic Pre-School.

It would be great if you could promote our Pre-School with your friends and family too.

If you would like an application form, please email or ring school to request one.

It gives the children the ideal start to their educational journey.



## Talent Show

Finally – a bit of light relief. We sent the flier to all parents of children from Y2 to Y6. If your child is keen to take part then they have until the end of this half term, next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, to record their performance (no longer than 90 seconds) and send via eSchools.



Many thanks. We appreciate all you are doing. We know it's not easy and that it potentially gets harder each week. The tasks the children have should take no longer than one hour each so no more than 3 hours in total each day. If you don't get them done in that time then please don't feel you have failed. Just upload what the children have managed to do. If you child wants to do more then that's great, but don't feel you have to keep going. We want to the children to do the best they can but not at all costs. Anything we can do to help we will. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need to ask for advice or just want to talk.

Kay Hemmings (Head Teacher)

