

This week marks the start of the final half term of the academic year and what a strange one it will be. Usually this would be a lovely time of the year when we enjoy summer trips, plays, sports days and all lots of outdoor activities but instead the school remains a very different place. It is quiet and missing the noise of the classes of children. We look forward so much to normality and we will never take it for granted again!

Over the next few weeks children in Year 6, 1 and F2 have been prioritised to return to school if their parents wish. For many of you, the decision to continue to keep your children at home I am sure has not been an easy one but one I know we all understand and respect. School is a very different place for children right now and whilst the current infection rate remains high across the country (particularly in the north compared to the south) we understand why for many parents, keeping children at home feels the safest thing to do. We just want you to know we respect any decision you have made.

For those in school my priority is to ensure they are safe and well cared for. I also have to protect the wellbeing and safety of the wonderful staff who have never stopped working with children in school since the 23rd March. Please continue to adhere to Government advice and 'Stay Alert' and stay safe.



PHASED REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

Our PHASED PLAN for the Reopening of School is as follows:

PHASE 1 – WEEK BEGINNING 1st JUNE - This week school has been open to children of 'Critical Key Workers' and 'Vulnerable Children'.

PHASE 2 – WEEK BEGINNING 8th JUNE – We hope to be able to partially open school for Year 6 children whose parents wish for them to attend school.

PHASE 3 - WEEK BEGINNING 15th JUNE – We hope to be able to partially open school for F2 children whose parents wish for them to attend school.

PHASE 4 - WEEK BEGINNING 22nd JUNE – We hope to be able to partially open school for Year 1 children whose parents wish for them to attend school.

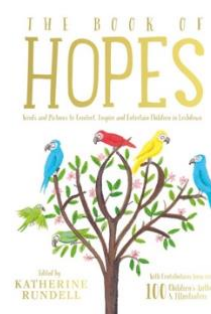
ALL OF THE ABOVE IS STILL SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF WE RECEIVE FURTHER GOVERNMENT OR LOCAL AUTHORITY GUIDANCE.



This week you should have all received your child's annual REPORT. The teachers have spent a long time writing these reports as I know how much you appreciate them as parents. Please respond to your child's report via SEESAW and let the teachers know

if you are pleased with the report, worried about anything or have any questions. Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you to all those parents who have already sent feedback.

The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown is a collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures contributed by more than 110 children's writers and illustrators. It is free to children and families and is dedicated to hospital staff. You can read the book here: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>



Pentecost



Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost - when the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us to be like Jesus and do the things He does! The Holy Spirit is in all of us because God sent Him. Whenever we are welcoming, peaceful, forgiving, encouraging, loving or kind, we can be sure that this is the Holy Spirit working in us. There have been so many examples of good, heart-warming things

happening in the world at the moment. Everyone now knows the name Captain Tom Moore who celebrated his 100th birthday by walking around his garden and raising over £32 million for the NHS! We have seen local communities and neighbours rally to support foodbanks and set up food delivery schemes to help the vulnerable and elderly who are self-isolating. The rainbows displayed in windows all over the Estate always make me smile. Please keep up all these wonderful, inspiring and kind things and look after each other!

Home Learning There is no doubt that we have all had to make adaptations to cope with the challenging circumstances presented by lockdown. A big challenge for us all has been continuing to provide good quality education for our children. Everyone has risen admirably to this challenge and we continue to enjoy seeing the work your children are doing at home.

Teachers are continuing to set tasks via SEESAW but all children in Years 1 to 6 should also have received a home learning pack this week. These should keep the children busy for a while! A huge thank you to staff and parents/carers who have worked in partnership to ensure the best possible outcomes for children during this time. Well done to the children who are enjoying and engaging well with learning online.

Please keep it going, we only have 6 weeks of this half term left and completing learning tasks each day gives the children some structure and keeps them busy which may be especially important now the weather has changed. If there is anything you or your child are struggling with or need support with, please let us know and send a message to your child's class teacher.



Our new VALUE for JUNE is RESILIENCE. Thank you to Year 3 who have created some lovely posters about our value.

People who show resilience:

- Bounce back from disappointment
- Carry on against the odds
- Put on a brave face

People who show resilience realise:

- You should focus on the future
- Having a positive attitude helps you succeed
- Not giving up helps you to feel proud of your achievements and yourself

People show resilience by:

- Believing in themselves
- Having a positive attitude
- Bouncing back from disappointment



Stay safe and PLEASE take care. Mrs Ralph