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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and continuing to cope with the difficulties and frustrations that this challenging time is causing.

Many thanks for all your kind and supportive emails and comments at the school gate – they really mean a lot and are very much appreciated by me the rest of the staff.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

We welcomed back one half of Reception this week and will welcome back the second half next week. They have settled back into a slightly strange school life extremely well, and it's lovely to be able to hear them all playing and talking from my room.

Year 1 and Year 6 pupils continue to be amazing – as do the children of key workers – and although the staggered registration, dismissal and lunch times seem to take forever, everything is going well.

Years 2, 3, 4 and 5

As I wrote in the Yr 2 – 5 letter this week, we continue to miss the children from these year groups. I understand how frustrating it must be for parents whose children are not back at school yet, but unfortunately, we have no more classrooms and we have to follow the government guidelines and the Trust decisions. Once again, thank you so much to all of you who are doing all you can under challenging circumstances to support your children with their home learning. This must be increasingly challenging as time goes on, and we thank you for all you are able to do.

It would be great if all the children in Yrs 2 – 5 could contribute a page for the class booklets we are making. As the letter explained, we would like to make a booklet for each pupil in these year groups, full of drawings, writing, photos, etc from the children in their class. If the page (A4 portrait if possible, please) can include a short message from the children to the rest of the class, that would be lovely. Please email it to the class teacher on the home learning email account. We will put a copy of each booklet in a Covid19 time capsule that will be buried in the school grounds, and will also print one for each pupil in Years 2 – 5 and invite parents to come and collect it.

Transition to next class

We have not made a definite decision on class teachers for September yet, for many reasons. Once we know what is happening in September, and hopefully know for sure that the guidelines allow all teachers to return, we will let you know. There have been lots of requests for teachers to move up with their class, as they didn't finish the year with them. I understand this, but it will be very difficult to do as it is always good to keep at least one teacher in the year group who knows the curriculum and what works well, and moving year groups and classrooms creates a lot of extra work. Also, the Year 6 teachers would have to move from Year 6 to Reception, which would be quite a jump!



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Once we know which teacher and classroom the children are moving to, we will develop ways to help the children as much as we can by producing welcome videos / tours of the classroom, etc.

Congratulations, Mrs Bavin!

Congratulations to Mrs Bavin, who found out just before school closure that she is expecting a baby. How lovely to have some positive news at such a challenging time.

End of Year report

You will receive an end of year school report for your child as normal. This will be emailed to you in July and will report on how your child was presenting at the time of school closure.

Telephone Calls home

Although Mrs Grant and Miss Nabdoo are still ringing some children once a week, the class teachers who are in school teaching are ringing when they are able to, which may now be less frequently. However, they can still respond to the emails on the home learning account, if you need to get in touch with them.

Black Lives Matter and the death of George Floyd

As with all major news stories, the teachers have had discussions with Yr 6 children about the Black Lives Matter protests and they will be linking this with work next week on Windrush Day, which is next Monday. Like all schools, we are constantly reviewing our curriculum and will be working with other NEST schools over the coming weeks to ensure that the curriculum reflects the society the children are growing up in. Some very important questions have been raised as a result of the death of George Floyd and we will think carefully about how to address these appropriately with children in different year groups and will do so once all the children are back and we can do this face-to-face.

Mrs Mills

Sadly, we are saying goodbye today to Mrs Mills – dash one of our TA's – who is moving to the Kent coast. Mrs Mills has been with us for nearly 5 years and has supported many children with their learning. We thank her for all she has done and wish her all the very best for her new life.



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Happy Birthday, Bickley!

Our lovely school was opened 20 years ago on Sunday!



Because we don't have all the children in at the moment, we can't have a party to celebrate the school's 20th birthday, but we will have one once all the children are back.

In the meantime, we would love children to send in home-made birthday cards or pictures of balloons with a message on them to the school office. We will then display them around a big display of a birthday cake, as shown below:

I really hope you are all keeping safe and well and are enjoying the gradual easing down of lockdown. I really do hope that we see you all soon and that schools are back to normal in September.

Best wishes

Miss Blake



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