

The Firs, Keeping in Touch!

Friday 5th June 2020

Learning at Home

The learning packs for next week were emailed out yesterday and the requested printed versions will be available, as usual, outside the school today. The pack for next week is 'Summer Week 7- week beginning 8/6/20'.

If your child is in Year R or Year 1 and you are intending for them to come back to school from Monday 15th June, please **do not** request a learning pack for that week when the Google Form comes out on Monday. They will be given a pack by us, which they will keep in school.

In the next Keeping In Touch letter I will let you know about some more Story Time videos that should be available by the end of next week.



Go Savannah!

We mentioned in the Keeping In Touch before half term, that Savannah in Year 3 was cycling all week to raise money for the school PTA.

We wanted to let you know that she raised an amazing **£2075** which is a fantastic achievement.

Thank you and well done Savannah!

Year 4 Friendship Letter Responses

Thank you to the many Y4 parents who have already returned their friendship letter reply slip to us. If you have not already done so, could you either email us or return the slip to the school as soon as possible. Thanks.

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Change to Key worker Children from 15th June

In the design of all our procedures and in the approach we take to organising our current provision, safety for all is our highest concern.

We need to ensure that there is regular and thorough cleaning of the areas and resources that have been used and this contributes significantly to minimising the risks of transmitting the virus.

For this reason we have already communicated that there will be a closure of the school at lunchtime for all Year 1 and Year R pupils (and all day for Saplings children) on **Wednesdays** from 15th June onwards.

In order to facilitate this essential additional mid week cleaning, we have decided that we will need to close the school for **all Key Worker children** as well on Wednesdays at lunchtime.

The precise pick up and drop off timings for all sessions will be in the 4th Reopening Update letter for Saplings, YR and Y1 parents mentioned below.

Wider opening of the school update

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the older Saplings, Pine and Y1 children back into school in the week beginning the 15th June.

We have worked very hard to implement measures such as enhanced cleaning, one way systems, floor markings, signage, staggered playtimes etc. and we have designed measures to encourage social distancing as much as possible, such as floor markings and chances to discuss the issue, which are planned when children return. Despite this however, it is only fair to point out that our small classrooms do not allow tables to be more than 1.5m apart and as we have said in previous letters, we cannot promise complete social distancing for very young children at all times, such as when on the playground. We take everyone's safety very very seriously however and we will do our utmost to keep everyone safe going forwards.

In order to help us with our preparations, I would be grateful if older Saplings, Year R and Year 1 parents could communicate with us if...

1. You are not intending to send your older Saplings, Year R or Year 1 child to school in the week beginning 15th June **and you have not already informed us.**
2. You previously said your child was **not** coming back but **you have changed your mind due to the delayed opening.**



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I will be writing to older Saplings, Pine and Year 1 parents again next week and in this 4th Reopening update letter, I will give you details regarding the group / room your child will be in, the staff who will be with them and details concerning the drop off and pick up arrangements.

We will also be producing a Powerpoint with pictures and short videos that you can talk through with your child, so they get a feel for the way things will be when they return. We hope this will help all our youngest children to make a happy and positive start back at school.

Take care everyone.

Adam Campbell
Headteacher