



The Firs, Keeping in Touch!

Friday 3rd July 2020



Sorry we had to postpone!

I am sorry we had to postpone Y2 and Y3 visits this week but we are very much looking forward to seeing our Y2 and Y3 children very soon!

Learning at Home

The learning packs for next week have been emailed out and the requested printed versions are available today, outside the school. The pack for next week is 'Summer Week 11- week beginning 6/7/20'.

Return to school for Y4 children

Requests for places

We asked that Y4 parents ensure that they reserve a place at school by completing the form or emailing the school by **today**, so that we can have time to create the two groups for each class...

Further details

I will be writing back to Y4 parents, indicating the group children are in and the room etc. by **10th July**.

We are really looking forward to seeing all our fantastic Y4 children again on the **16th and 17th July**.

Transition Arrangements for our current YR, Y1, Y2 and Y3 pupils

Now that you and your child(ren) know which class they will be in next year and with which teacher, we are planning the transition work to prepare for this change.

Staff are arranging meetings with the colleague(s) who will be taking their class in the 20/21 academic year, to ensure that all the important information regarding children is handed over appropriately.

The approach we are taking to transition work for the children is a balance between face to face opportunities where possible and virtual experiences.

For example, where children are coming in (Y2 and Y3) on visits, the next teacher(s) will be there to say hello as part of the event. In YR and Y1, children in school, chances to meet their new teacher will be set up.

We will be sending out short Powerpoint presentations from each Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 teacher, which will include short video tours / greetings so that children will get a chance to see their new class room online as part of the preparation for the move in September. We will also be sending out a short transition booklet for each child to complete for their new class teacher. These presentations and booklets will come out to you on **Monday 13th July**.



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Plans for the autumn term

As you are no doubt aware, the government has announced that all children are to return to school in September.

The detailed guidance for schools was published yesterday and we are carefully looking at this information and beginning to make plans based on the guidance.

I wanted to say that, as part of this planning process and as a key area of our School Development Plan next year, we will be focusing on supporting children's well being and identifying gaps in learning and supporting pupils in catching up in any areas which they have missed or forgotten.

Once we have completed the initial planning process, I will write to you setting out some details concerning the arrangements we will be putting in place. We will do this as quickly as we can and I hope to write to you by the end of term. If this is not possible, it will be by **Friday 24th July** at the latest.

Once again, our Y1 and YR and Saplings children have had a great week in school and we are eagerly awaiting the visits / return of Y2, Y3 and Y4, it will be great to see you all again!

Take care everyone.

Adam Campbell
Headteacher