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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid 19 Update

Please remain vigilant and help us to help you to keep our school and community safe as we move in to the last one and a half weeks of term.

We welcome the news from the government about a relaxing of arrangements from July the 19th onwards. However, knowing that numbers of cases in the local area are increasing, our current Covid 19 risk assessment measures will remain in place until the end of the academic year. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Before we break up, we will be outlining what will be in place in September 21 – we have reflected on your parent survey responses (see below), and at this stage we can share with you that we will continue with the wearing of PE kit on PE days as this maximises time spent in lessons doing PE.

Healthy Schools Week

Next week all children will be enjoying a week of sport and wellbeing activities, including the races they would have run on sports day. Children should come to school in PE kit every day with a water bottle and sun protection (hat/suncream) or warmer clothing, dependent on the weather.

Parent Survey Feedback

Thanks to everyone who took the time and trouble to share their feedback with us. This is reviewed by the governing body and the LSP and we use your views when writing our school development plan (RAPP).

	Positive
My child is happy at this school	96%
My child feels safe at this school	99%
My child makes good progress at this school	97%
My child is well looked after at this school	99%
My child receives appropriate homework	91%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	96%
The school deals effectively with bullying	93%
The school is well led and managed	98%
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	92%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	89%

What 3 things does the school do best?



Lots of comments around skilled teachers, caring for the children, feeling supported as families, having a real sense of community, how well we coped during lockdown, excellent communication, instilling key values, high quality teaching, lots of varied opportunities for children

What 3 things could the school do to improve?



Key messages: more PE, more outdoor learning, more communication with parents, increased cleaning of toilets.

Feedback	School Response
Cleanliness of toilets	The school pays additional cleaning costs to have the toilets cleaned and paper and soap replenished throughout the day. Parents can help by encouraging good toileting habits at home, especially flushing and aiming correctly.
Increased learning outside of the classroom	All classes have had additional Forest School sessions. In 21/22 EYFS and KS1 will have 3 terms of Forest School with Mrs Watkins KS2 will have increased Forest School sessions with Mrs Wallace.

<p>Increased PE Opportunities</p>	<p>We intend to open up more opportunities as the DfE relax school Covid requirements.</p> <p>Mrs Moss has continued to increase PE activities for all children with the use of coaches and organisations on top of PE lessons this year.</p> <p>In 21/22 we will continue to timetable 2 hours of weekly PE and opportunities for swimming and additional sports activities. We look forward to resuming competitive sports fixtures when allowed.</p>
<p>Increased Opportunities for Creative Activities</p>	<p>We offer a broad and balanced curriculum. Topic maps and intent statements can be seen on the curriculum pages of the website. Sometimes lessons are blocked together to make creative activities more effective e.g. having a DT day of making.</p> <p>The school follows a personalised version of an LSP wide curriculum. Our staff and leadership team have worked with the Trust to develop this curriculum which continues to be personalised.</p>
<p>Communication with parents about pupil progress</p>	<p>The school has 2 parents' evenings and a final written report. This is the expectation from the DfE. We also hold PP and SEND meetings with parents and have introduced year group emails to aid communication.</p> <p>We will continue to hold end of term exhibitions once restrictions have been lifted so that you can see learning and chat to teachers. Next year we will be sharing pupil data more regularly to further inform you.</p>

Staff changes

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Payne who is leaving to go to the USA. Mrs Payne is quite the opposite and her enthusiasm and passion for music has been infectious. She leaves us with many happy memories with the choir, music concerts and her warm personality. We wish her well in the USA.

Miss Woodyatt will be leaving her HLTA role for 1 year to train as a teacher but will be in school on placement at times. It is no surprise to us that Miss Woodyatt is training to be a teacher as she has all the attributes of an outstanding educational professional. We look forward to seeing her again soon.

We will be welcoming Miss Ukena who will teach in Year 2. Miss Ukena is joining us having taught KS1 in Hampshire. She has impressed us throughout the interview process and on her subsequent visits to our school. We also welcome Miss Stone who will be an LSA in Year 1. We were extremely impressed with Miss Stone's enthusiasm and passion to help children overcome any barriers to their learning.

England v Italy

We understand that this is the first final for the England men's team in 55 years and that many of our children and staff will be staying up late to watch the game.

Please help us on Monday by ensuring your children arrive at school on time as there are many unseen complications with lateness. In turn our staff will consider carefully the wellbeing of the class and ensure that any tiredness is supported by adapting the curriculum accordingly.

We wish Gareth and his Lions every success on Sunday and look forward to seeing both teams play with pride and passion. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved to model respect for the officials, fairness, winning with humility and losing with dignity and good grace.

Kind Regards,

Richard Riordan

Headteacher