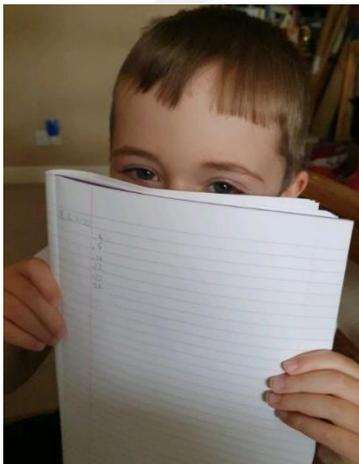


Friday 12th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome more children back in to school, and their first full week is now complete. There is a calm and purposeful atmosphere around school and children have adapted well to the new routines. I would like to thank everyone for adhering to our guidelines around arrival times, packed lunches and social distancing at the start and the end of the day. Everything has gone really smoothly and we believe that the measures we have in place will keep our children and staff safe.

Children at home and at school have been following the same curriculum and have produced some wonderful work about the Ancient Greeks. We are so proud of the children who are working hard at home; whether they are producing lots of work, or just doing a tiny bit, we know everyone is trying their very hardest and the staff really enjoy keeping up with them on Class Dojo.



A busy mathematician working hard at home.



Seb exploring Archimedes theory.



Poppy busy baking a delicious treat.

Staff changes

We are very, very sad to be losing the Godfrey family at the end of next week. Mrs Godfrey has been an exceptional teaching assistant, and a valued member of the staff team. We will all miss her and her boys greatly, though wish the whole family well as they set out on a new adventure in Cyprus. I'm sure they will keep in touch and let us know how they are getting on.

Pirate Ship

As you will be aware, the pirate ship had begun to rot and was no longer safe for the children to play on. The Friends of the school have been busy fund-raising for a replacement for many years and while the school was closed, it

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was removed. We are now looking for something to replace it. Mrs Petch has sent out a questionnaire to take account of the views of all our children and parents. I hope you will take some time to get involved in this very exciting project and have a think about what you think we should put in it's place.

Wider opening

You will have heard that the government have announced that children in years 2,3,4 and 5 will now not all be able to come back to school before the summer holidays as originally hoped, but that schools who have the capacity will have the flexibility to bring more pupils back. The government have yet to publish any guidance around how schools will do this and advice from the Trust Board and the Local Authority is that we wait for this guidance before making any decisions. The decision will be made by the Trust board in collaboration with the school.

We would love to have all children back in school before the end of term. At present we are only able to open to Reception, Year1, Year 6 and Key worker children. If you are a key worker parent and you now need to return to work, we request two days notice to be able to accommodate your child. Please do ring us in school or send an email if you have any questions about this.

I hope that everyone is keeping well.

Kindest regards,



Mrs H Dudman