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Coronavirus Closure Update – 23rd June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to share information on the alternative end of year events that will be taking place over the final four weeks of term and the current picture for autumn term.

Summer term 2 key dates

Friday 26th June - Curriculum Recovery Plan (Nursery to Year 6)

We will share a document with you via email to outline the actions we have taken to support children's wellbeing and learning throughout the school closure and partial re-opening period; share potential gaps in learning due to children not being able to access the full academic years curriculum; to explain what we will be doing to support children on their return to school both pastorally and to close gaps in learning.

Monday 29th June – New class information (September Reception intake to Year 5)

We will be emailing you with information on your child's class teacher for the 2020/21 academic year and a transition brochure.

Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July – Transition meeting invitations (September Reception intake to Year 5)

Your child's new class teacher for next year will email you with an invitation for you and your child to attend a 30 minute Zoom meeting the following week (Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July with an option for a 9:00am, 12:00pm or 4:30pm meeting) where they will introduce themselves and share transition information.

Friday 3rd July – Reports (Nursery leavers to Year 6)

We will email annual reports in our new easy to access format.

Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July – Transition meetings (September Reception intake to Year 5)

Your child's class teacher for next year will host a Zoom meeting which will include: 1) a video message from the Headteacher; 2) a transition information briefing from Mrs Galey; 3) some getting to know your teacher question and answer time.

Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July – Moving on email (September Reception intake to Year 5)

You will receive an email from your child's current class teacher to wish them a good summer and with a programme of suggested catch up activities for over the summer.

Secondary school transition

Year 6 parent/carers your children's new secondary school have now received transition information for your child and should contact you directly to inform you of any transition activities and events.

End of year events

Annual Achievement Assembly (Reception to Year 6)

We will publish Annual Achievement Award winners and reasons for their nominations on Facebook, Tapestry and Marvellous Me each day between **Monday 29th June and Thursday 16th July**.

House team points (Reception to Year 6)

The final house point's standings and the winners for the trophy for 2019/20 will be announced on Facebook, Tapestry and Marvellous Me on **Friday 17th July**.



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Y6 graduation

Due to the current situation the Year 6 graduation will not take place this term. Rather than this event taking place remotely our intention is to delay until the autumn term in the hope that we are still able to arrange a gathering and presentations. Mrs Galey will provide an update in September.

Cancelled events

Unfortunately, I can confirm that this year's sports days, house point winners' rewards day, spring term charity and summer term school fundraising events are all cancelled.

Information for autumn term

Government target of a full time return for all children in September

We are hoping to receive further information in the next two weeks from the government following the announcement from the Education Secretary that the aim is for all children to return to school full time from September; as soon as we receive this update I will write to you outlining the schools plans for how we will achieve this objective.

School trips

Until the guidance changes we will not be arranging any school trips or residential visits. This means that children may miss out on some experiential learning. The Year 6 residential visit to Robinwood is currently cancelled. Should the guidance change we will look to rearrange trips where possible to reflect our usual offer. We will look to reduce the impact of any trips which are not able to take place through onsite learning.

School brochure and further information

We will not be publishing a school brochure this year but please check the schools website from **Monday 6th July** for updated information for the 2020/21 academic year.

2020/21 Curriculum

We have redesigned our curriculum offer following on from recommendations made during the Ofsted visit in December 2019. The Magic Monday format is being replaced by a more traditional weekly timetable to allow children to revisit topics more regularly to aid retrieval and retention of information in foundation subjects. We are currently in the process of updating the curriculum section of the website which will contain an updated curriculum statement explaining how the curriculum works and why we have taken this approach; individual subject pages for each subject detailing what is covered when; subject specific learning journeys which will give details on what children are learning when and what you can do out of school in terms of places to visit, books to read or activities and challenges to support your child's learning.

ELMS parent/carers we will be operating ELMS across the full week with peer cohort integration activities within each child's individual plan. Miss Truby or Mrs King will be in contact to talk you through this before the end of term.

Summary

We will look to make a very different end of term as memorable as possible and to aid a smooth transition in to the school (for Reception new starters), into a new year group or on to the next stage of education (Year 6) for all pupils.

Many thanks,

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Headteacher

