

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We are now at the end of week 11 of home learning. This really has become a marathon challenge that none of us could have predicted earlier in the year. I hope that you are all managing to keep well and to keep supporting your children with home learning especially as many of you may be returning to work. I know that the teachers are continuing to offer some really high quality and imaginative learning opportunities for those children still at home so please try to make the most of them despite the temptations of just staying outside in the sunshine!

This week we welcomed back into school 21 of our Year 1 children. The children have settled quickly into the new routines and seem to be able to understand how to keep safe distances. Thank you to all our parents and carers who are also taking our new routines (such as our one-way system) on board as we aim to keep our whole school community safe. Thank you to all our staff across Year 1 who have provided a warm welcome back into school for these children.

Next week we are welcoming back into school around 50% of our Nursery and Reception children. If your child is returning on Monday 29th June please make sure you have read the letter posted yesterday with details of drop off and collection arrangements. With around 50 more children, and therefore 50 more parents, coming onto the school site it is very important that everyone follows our plans for staggered timings and our one-way system (it will keep you all fit).

This week I also posted onto Dojo, the school app and the website a letter with details of how the end of term will look for children in school and those still learning at home. We are making every effort to continue with our support for all our children right up until the final day of term on 17th July and to make these final three weeks meaningful and enjoyable. We feel sure that the transition activities will be well received by the children and will give them something to look forward to for September as well as increased confidence for entering a new year group.

My final plea to you all as parents and carers is that you remain vigilant to the dangers that Covid-19 continues to present within the community. As lockdown measures are being eased it remains important that guidelines around social distancing and mixing with other households are still followed particularly if your child has returned to school. We must continue to offer the best protection possible to all children and staff within the school environment.

Children, I hope you are all keeping well and happy. I hope you have been enjoying some of the lovely warm weather outside with your families. I miss having young children and a paddling pool at home! I miss you all being in school brightening up my day.

Take care everyone.

Many best wishes to you all.

Mrs Farnell