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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our latest Newsletter.

Returning to School

I know that many of you have concerns following this week's announcement from the Government that it has dropped plans for all pupils in primary schools to return before the summer break. We currently have 15 bubbles up and running across Brambles, Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Key Workers with around 130 children in school each day. We are reviewing our provision for the year groups listed above regularly and due to the number of staff we currently have available we are at capacity, meaning that there are no further spaces available at the moment. I know that this will disappoint many of you who have been asking but we have to work within the guidelines that have been set and agreed by both Governors and the Local Authority, for the safety of both the children and the staff. We are looking at what home-learning we are providing, using our own resources as well as those provided by the BBC and the Oak Academy. A number of parents have requested daily Zoom lessons but with the majority of teachers working with children in school all day, online lessons are not a realistic option at the moment. Those teachers not in school are supervising the home-learning of a considerable number of children each day but we are hopeful that we will be able to facilitate a weekly session for each class and I will confirm details of this next week. We have applied for Government funding to set up Microsoft accounts for all pupils and to facilitate more online provision but this will take a while to implement and will not be appropriate for everyone. All of our children, whatever year group they are in, are as important and valued as each other and we want to do the best that we can for all of them. We also want to be able to support you at home whilst you manage home-learning, and your own work, at a challenging time for us all.

Bookings

Childcare bookings for the Key Worker groups (NHS frontline staff, those who work in Care Homes, those who work in the Police, Military and those who work in schools) will re-open from **1.00pm on Tuesday 16th June for the following week. It will close on Wednesday 17th June at 5.00pm.** Places remain limited so please keep your child at home if you can. Places are now full for next week.

In the event of any suspected cases of coronavirus in school we will write to the parents of children in the appropriate bubble with updates as soon as possible. The bubbles in school do not mix and have designated areas in which to play. It is therefore important that all the social distancing measures that we have in school are also in place outside of school in order to keep us all safe.

Residential Visits

Following confirmation last week that the Grafham visit has been cancelled I can now also confirm that the Y6 visit to Laches Wood has been cancelled. Refunds will be processed in due course.

Parent Survey

Next week we will be sending out details of our annual parent survey – please look out for this.

September 2020

At this stage we have no further information about arrangements for September but we are making plans as usual as if we were fully re-open to all pupils. This week we made our presentation for new Reception parents available on our website along with a number of important documents. We have also continued to recruit staff as we move from 17 to 19 classes. I can therefore confirm the class structure as follows:

Learning

Enjoying

Achieving

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| Reception | Reception Beech | Mrs Scott Mrs Eason | Assistant Head (Early Years /KS1) |
| | Reception Maple | Mrs Di-loia / Mrs Dris | |
| | Reception Willow | Miss Maxwell (new appointment) | |
| Year 1 | Beech | Miss Dearnley (new appointment) | |
| | Maple | Miss McAuley / Mrs Henson | |
| | Willow | Miss Ross | |
| Year 2 | Beech | Mrs Bell-Berry | |
| | Maple | Mrs Foster / Mrs Grimbaldston (covering Miss Wilkinson's maternity leave) | |
| | Willow | Mrs Williams (new appointment) | |
| Year 3 Year 4 (Middle) | Beech | Mrs Alexander (new appointment) | |
| | Maple | Mr Whitehouse | |
| | Willow | Mrs Wood / Mrs C Taylor | |
| | Elm | Mrs Landeryou / Mrs Evans | |
| | Cedar | Appointment to be confirmed (covering Mrs Clipsham's maternity leave) | |
| Year 5 Year 6 (Upper) | Maple | Mrs Lane-Petter / Mr Rayner | Assistant Head (KS2) |
| | Willow | Mrs Talbot | |
| | Elm | Mr Church | |
| | Cedar | Mrs Barton | |
| | Beech | Miss Sharpe (new appointment) | |

Staff spend a considerable amount of time discussing and organising the classes each year. The school has a 'School Class Organisation Policy' which states:

The school has a duty to ensure that the needs of all pupils are considered equally and its priority is to ensure that effective learning communities are created and classes are balanced.

When grouping children the staff will ensure that classes are balanced and consider the following when compiling class lists:

- Pupils' attainment / current levels of performance
- Gender
- Friendships
- Pupil behaviour
- Maturity

As a school the decisions we have had to make in the last few months have not always been straightforward and have often been based on changing guidance or bits of information. However the safety and well-being of our school community - children, parents and staff - have been our priority. We have been very grateful for your support throughout this time and look forward to welcoming your child back as soon as it is safe to do so.

I hope that you continue to keep well. Please remember that we are here to support you and you can contact us on closure@brampton.cambs.sch.uk.

As always, take care and stay safe.



Mr Peter Allen
Headteacher