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Summer term Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MR BULPITT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with your God

Tuesday saw the school begin to re-open to children after 10 weeks of school closure. The school was 'deep cleaned' the previous week, and a special thank you must go to Mr Curtis for his commitment to ensuring that the site is clean, disinfected, safe and secure, not only during this time, but also prior to the guidance and expectations from the pandemic.

His pride in the school and our community is evident by the cheerful welcome he gives us all every day. Thank you Mr Curtis!

On Monday the school staff came into school on a rota basis to be updated of all our health and safety procedures, including the use of PPE. Furthermore, we ran through the timetabling and movement of children and adults around the school. Tuesday and Wednesday saw Year 6 return and Thursday and Friday it was Year 1.

It was a delight to see the children again and they adapted quickly and resiliently to the changes. Thank you all for talking with your children and preparing them for school and how it will look different.

For all parents, I have added pictures below to show how the classrooms are adapted to accommodate 15 children per 'bubble'.

Year 6



Year 1



Reception



The teachers are continuing to provide remote lessons for children in years 2, 3, 4 & 5 as well as for those children in year groups who are returning to school. As we increase the number of children in the school, the teachers providing the remote teaching and responses will change and this is testament to the adaptability and commitment of the teachers to ensure that our children's learning does not suffer during this time.

With that in mind, I met with the Senior Leadership Team yesterday to begin planning for September and what the curriculum needs to look like as a result of the school closure. I will be meeting with Governors on the 18th June and am monitoring all of the Government's announcements regarding September so that we continue to be 'ahead of the curve' and have the best preparation possible. I will be contacting parents and asking you to provide the school with your views and to give you as much notice as possible regarding school arrangements. With best wishes

Matthew Bulpitt | Headteacher

Charlie Rhodes | Deputy Headteacher

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Collective Worship

Welcome

Let us be reminded ourselves of Jesus's words;

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEeBo1fwzkU>

Message

The Bible story of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-47) details the moment when a small group of frightened believers were transformed into a missionary movement that took its message around the world. The Bible declares that God's Holy Spirit suddenly filled the believers when they were praying, enabling them to speak in many languages, and they could immediately spread their infectious exciting message among a multinational world. This 'coming of the Holy Spirit' during the Jewish festival of Shavuot (in Greek, 'Pentecost') can be thought of as the global Christian Church's birthday, which makes it a significant festival in itself.

So, the Christian festival of Pentecost celebrates the union of the human race, as people are drawn together again into one global Christian family of many languages and cultures, sharing one Heavenly Father.

Let us thank God for the Holy Spirit, that He fills each one of us with His love, peace, compassion and strength as we come in unity before our Lord.



Close

Let us pray together;

"Heavenly Father, thank you for your gift of the Holy Spirit. Please fill each one of us today so that we being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ"

Amen



Our Key Workers continue to serve and care for our nation during this time and again it is good to stop and thank God and them.

Let us remember that they are mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, have friends and neighbours, just like us and they work selflessly on our behalf.