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03/07/2020 Message from Mrs Crossley

Reopening in September

With more guidance being released by the government this week, it is looking ever more likely that we will be reopening to all pupils after the summer holidays. We are all delighted about this and I am looking forward to finally being able to meet all our children and families and welcome this next stage in the recovery from the pandemic.

It is the Government's intention is that all children should be able to return to school safely, full time, in September. They have provided detailed instructions and some key principles that we will need to apply in the context of our school so we can keep everyone as safe as possible. Our next step is to update our risk assessments to reflect the new guidance and to also keep updating this as we move through the summer as and when more guidance is released. Our intention is to get back to as near 'normal' as quickly as we can, whilst ensuring we manage any risk by adhering to the guidance. Main points from the guidance are:

- The risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school, particularly around well-being.
- Children will be taught in class bubbles and will not mix with children from other bubbles.
- School needs to ensure that children receive a full broad and balanced curriculum.
- There needs to be a continued emphasis on robust hand and respiratory hygiene.

• School will continue with enhanced cleaning and focus on frequently touched surfaces being cleaned regularly.

• School will continue to follow Government Guidance in response to any illness and infection.

It is possible that we will still need to keep some of our social distancing systems, such as staggered drop-offs and pick-ups in place in September. We will keep you informed of our plans as soon as we can and will continue to update you throughout the summer, through Classdojo and our school website, so that you are fully informed about our procedures.

Virtual Sports Day

Watch out for our School Virtual Sports Day next Friday! Information will be shared by class teachers on the home learning page and we invite you all to join in! Please send in pictures of you participating if you are still learning from home via Classdojo.

Aberford Achievements

Our staff have nominated children who have been superstars this week. As we can't send certificates home at the moment, here they are!

