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# NEWSLETTER

## Message from Mrs Crossley

### Thank You

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have signed up to Class Dojo this week. Our teachers have been busy finishing off writing their reports for their classes and we are on schedule to send these out to parents on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. As it is still recommended that we do not send paper letters home at present, we are considering sending them privately, via Class Dojo, with the option of requesting a paper copy if you wish to in September.

### Fond farewell

We are sad to announce that Mrs Janet McNally has made the decision to retire at the end of this academic year and will finish on 16<sup>th</sup> July. She has worked here at Aberford for the last 20 years and I know you would like to join me in thanking her for her hard work, dedication and loyalty to our school. We are extremely grateful for all she has done and we know she will be very sorely missed by all of the children, parents, staff and wider community. Good luck Mrs McNally as you embark on your exciting new chapter.

### Wider Reopening


You will be aware from recent government announcements that schools can return more pupils **where they have capacity to do so**. It had been suggested that some children from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 could return before the summer holidays. As I am sure you understand, capacity is an individual situation for all schools and depends on physical space and numbers of staff available. Because of the guidance that bubble sizes be a maximum of 15, taking into account the dimensions of the building and the number of full staff available, our original reopening plan identified our maximum number of places available as 45. Our position from next week is as follows:

- The Reception / Year 1 bubble is at full capacity.
- The Key Worker bubble has 4 spaces, which will be allocated following the Government Guidance.
- The Year 6 bubble is at full capacity.
- All available staff are allocated to bubbles with no capacity to set up any new bubbles at this time.

Given all of the above, it is not possible for us to return any more year groups before the summer break. I do appreciate that this solution is far from ideal and we are all feeling for our children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 who are unable to return. As a school we will continue to work towards a return for all children as soon as the Government Guidance allows this. I am so grateful to parents for the kindness and understanding towards our staff that has been so prevalent during this pandemic. We continue to wish everyone well and look forward to the day when we can welcome our whole community back into school.

## 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!

			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Archie</b></p> <p>He has returned to school with a fantastic attitude to learning and for being a kind friend to others.</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Violet</b></p> <p>For trying really hard with her phonics and reading this week. Well done Violet!</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ebony-Rose</b></p> <p>For her fabulous acting skills and wonderful attitude during production rehearsals.</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ella Robbins</b></p> <p>For an amazing narrative recount from the perspective of one of the Titanic's survivors. We believed in every word and lived the story through the eyes of your character!</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Seb</b></p> <p>For an amazing first week back at school with a positive attitude and approach to all aspects of work. Well done Seb. It is fantastic to have you back</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Megan</b></p> <p>For always having a smile on your face and giving your best in everything you do. You are a star!</p>