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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a super Easter break. We have had a lovely sunny start to the term. The children have returned well and we are all looking forward to an exciting half term.

We would like to welcome Mr Hewlett, our new Deputy Head Teacher, who started on Monday. He will be working in 2b for 2½ days a week and carrying out leadership duties for the remainder of his time. We would also like to welcome Mrs Langford back from maternity leave. Some really happy news; Ms Berry had a baby girl, Rosie Elizabeth, earlier this week. Congratulations to her and her family.

As you know, school is currently still working under a number of restrictions, advised by the Department for Education, and this means we are not able to return to normality yet. However, we are looking at ways we can make life more enjoyable in school. From next week we will be allowing some mixing of year groups. Years 5 and 6, Years 3 and 4 and Years 1 and 2 will have playtimes together. We aren't going to mix at lunchtimes yet, but this is on our plan for after May half term. This will mean the children can start to play with their friends in other classes (outside only for now).

Individual photos were taken this week. Unfortunately, due to the bubble restrictions, we were not able to do sibling photos this time round, as we could not mitigate the risks of all the different children from different classes being in the hall together at the same time. We will return to normal photos as soon as we can next year. Class photos will take place in June.

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the Major Tom 100 challenge - we raised a massive £600. We never dreamed we would make this much - so thank you for your support!

I will continue to keep you updated with news and events via these weekly letters, but if you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's class teacher, myself or the office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Have a super weekend.

Jackie Oldfield
Head Teacher