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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing this a day later than normal as our own VE day celebrations at Chez Tibbles meant that I wasn't able to get this out to you yesterday. I hope that you had a good day marking the occasion and I thought that we were very lucky with the weather, especially as our home-made bunting wasn't water-proof!

Over the past week, teachers have been holding phone consultations with those parents and I hope that we managed to catch up with everyone who did not have their consultation just before lockdown.

Email Issues

I've had a number of reports that school emails are either not being delivered or being classified as junk email. This has been reported by a number of teachers and parents so please can I ask that if you are expecting an email from us, please do check your junk email box and then, if there is no email, please do send us another email to let us know. Thankfully, this doesn't seem to be affecting the majority of the emails going out.

Year 5 Parent Meeting re: Transfer to Secondary School

On Wednesday and Thursday, I hosted a video session for parents to go through the process for applying to secondary schools. If you weren't able to make these times, the video is now on our school website along with a copy of the presentation on our [Transition into Secondary School](#) webpage.

Maintaining Links

I mentioned last week that we were hoping to put something in place to maintain links between school and home and, having spoken to staff, we're going to trial holding Zoom calls between school and home over the next couple of weeks.

As with parental consultations, these calls will be for a maximum of 10 minutes and are an opportunity for your child to talk to their class teacher and maybe share something that they have been doing during lockdown.

Teachers have been issued guidance to ensure that all safeguarding requirements have been met and we've also got some guidance for parents to which must be adhered to. Parents will be asked to confirm that they understand and agree to the guidance before any Zoom call can take place.

If you would like a Zoom call then please email your child's class teacher and they will get back to you to arrange a mutually convenient time over the next couple of weeks. Please be patient as some of our teachers have young children themselves and they have to balance their own childcare with contacting their pupils.

Obviously, if you would prefer a phone call rather than a Zoom call then please do let your class teacher know.



Before any Zoom call can take place, parents must agree to the points below:

- The class teacher will host any Zoom call and share the Zoom invite, meeting ID and password with the parent via email;
- Parents/children must not share the meeting ID and password with anyone else;
- Parents must remain the child for the duration of the call;
- In order to ensure that we can reach as many children as possible, calls are limited to 10 minutes;
- The focus of these conversations is the emotional wellbeing of the children and sharing any work that the child may be particularly proud of;
- Teachers remain contactable via email for queries about learning.

Create a National Book Token Design!

We have had an email about the National Book token design competition where children can win a £10 book token for themselves and every child in their class.

More information, including the template to draw the design on, can be found here:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/create-a-national-book-token-for-your-class>



Win £5000 for our School Library (from Helen Allison)

“Hi everyone, I hope that you and your families are keeping well and that like me you can’t wait to get back together again! Whilst we are awaiting for that could you, your friends, families please take two minutes to nominate our school to win £5000 of book tokens for our school library. The more nominations we get the greater the chance of winning.

It would be amazing to be able to sort out the non-fiction side of things now. Thanks in advance, it really is only two minutes. Take care and thanks”

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

COVID-19 Update

I was hoping to be able to give you some more information about what school will look like after the half-term break as we were initially expecting an announcement on Thursday from Boris Johnson however, this was changed to Sunday. Like many of you, I will be watching this announcement on Sunday at 7pm and I will be spending the majority of my time next week developing our plans in conjunction with the senior leadership team.

I hope to be writing to you later in the week with my thoughts and plans.

Thank you for your continued patience.

With best wishes

James Tibbles