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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we've been able to welcome back our Year 2 and Year 3 children for their transition sessions and we've had some very positive feedback including one child saying that it was '*the best two hours of my life*'. For me, this highlights the particular relationship that the children have with school and, although there may have been some anxiety coming in, once the children are in school they quickly settle back into the familiar.

Whilst I have no doubt that there will be a few bumps in the road come September, this gives me hope and confidence that a 'new normal' is within reach and our children will continue to thrive as they did before.

## Arrangements for Next Year

On Wednesday I met with the staff team to go through the protocols of what school will look like in September, this has now been shared with governors and I am now in a position to share this with you. The document can be found on our school website page [The New Normal: September 2020](#) and is now available to read and download. Please note that this is a working document and I have no doubt that there will be changes made in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please do contact me.

## End-of-Term Arrangements

Please remember that term will finish on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July although we will be inviting the Year 6 children back on the morning of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July for their final 'celebration'. A letter with more information will be coming home to parents of Year 6 children later today.

## Summer Holiday Club

We are now taking bookings for our Summer Holiday Club which will be run by Charley and Elena. You would have received a ParentMail from Mrs Readman and can book on the ParentMail system.

## FSM Eligibility

Over the course of the lockdown, many of your financial circumstances may have changed and families may now be eligible for Free School Meals. This means that you will be eligible for the EdenRed vouchers over the summer holidays. The application process is very simple and the outcome is returned with 24 hours.

Apply for Free School Meals: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

## Bridge Bees (BASC)

Don't forget to book your children into our Bridge Bees BASC provision. We will be moving our booking system to ParentMail and also asking parents to complete a new registration form to ensure that we have the most up-to-date contact details for your children.



Due to the high level of demand, please note that we can only guarantee spaces for children whose parents have booked. Whilst we will always do our best to accommodate ad-hoc bookings, this may not always be possible where having extra children would cause us to exceed our child-to-adult ratios.

All information can be found on our dedicated webpage: [Bridge Bees \(BASC\)](#).

### Braving the Shave

One of our parents, Jo Robertson, will be shaving her head on Sunday in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. If any parent would like to support her then please visit: <https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/jo-robertson>

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

James Tibbles