Chisenhale Chatter



13/07/20

Hello Everyone

This will be my final Chatter of what has turned out to be the most peculiar year of my career. Firstly, I am so sorry to those children who have spent such a long time at home and have not been able to come into school. We know you have missed your friends, your teachers and your routines. I also want to say thank you to the parents who have worked so hard to educate the children at home and managed to juggle work commitments and their families. We know this has been a challenge.

We received information from the Local Authority on Friday and from the unions this morning, so we will continue to work on our plan for September. I hope this will be with you for Friday, but should we not finalise it by then, it will be early next week. Please take time to read it carefully as there will be a lot of information especially regarding changes of the times school is starting and finishing for different year groups. The main message for September is that we

started our plan with ensuring all the children will be back in school and for a full day. The rest of it is about how we make changes so that we reduce the risk by maintaining social distancing and hygiene, so that school can stay open and we try our best not to have any cases.

Those children who have seen their new teachers may have told you we have decided that all staff will be known by their first names from September. We feel this is a good time to introduce this change in light of the rebuilding and restorative work we will be doing, ensuring there are no barriers. We have worked so hard and feel the children have such a fantastic understanding of respect that titles are not needed for that to be in place, and we can have a good learning environment with equity and shared values.

Finally, we say farewell to Ms Booth, Angela and Bea wishing them all the best of luck and sending them our best wishes.

All that remains is for me to wish you a lovely safe summer.

Very, very best wishes, Sharon

Monitoring emails over the summer break.

As the Covid-19 situation changes over the summer, we will be receiving further guidance, especially should cases increase or a local lockdown be in place. We will therefore be emailing parents should any of our plans change.

Goodbye to Lovely Year 6

We are saying goodbye to a wonderful cohort of Year 6 children, again in a very disappointing way. Some of them have not been able to return to school for the last weeks, but will pop in to collect their leaver's gift and say a final goodbye to the staff on Thursday. Others have spent their last weeks isolated in small bubbles, but with some friends, and able to complete some transition work. All of the children had the opportunity to 'star' in the end of year film, which has been put together as a keepsake in place of their usual end of year production. From all of the staff, and myself, we wish them all the very best as they make this step into the next phase of their journey through education. We are proud of the respectful citizens they prove themselves to be and know that they will endeavour to explore the world of possibilities that is awaiting them. Good luck Year 6!

LIVEABLE STREETS BOW.

Please have a look at the plans for improving the safety of the children around the school at https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/community_and_living/Liveable_Streets.aspx

The plan to widen the pavement on Chisenhale Road and reduce the traffic at key times would really make a difference to us but there are many other proposed changes that may affect travel in the area for local residents so we would encourage you to look carefully at the consultation.