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Dear Parents

I find it hard to believe that we have only one week left until the end of the Summer Term. Although it seems so long ago that the lockdown announcement was first made, in other ways the time seems to have flown by. I know that so many of our families have faced challenges along the way and I am grateful for the support that you have provided to your children.

I am hoping shortly to be in a position to give you more information about what will be in place in September based on the revised Government Guidelines. We are currently in the process of completing the required risk assessments before we are able to share final arrangements with you. Sadly, my lovely father-in-law passed away last week and therefore I am not as far on with the process as I had intended to be. I am able to tell you however, that we are anticipating we will be open to all children in all year groups from Wednesday 2nd September. Reception will, as usual be on a part time basis initially. We have not yet determined the size of the bubbles, start times and finish times for each year bubble or if we will be able to offer before and after school club. We will of course let you know the final details as soon as we have agreed them with the Governors.

Transition

As I mentioned in last Monday's newsletter, this week we are focusing on your child's transition to their new year group. Therefore much of the home learning relates to preparing your child for their move to a new year group and I know that your child's new class teacher is looking forward to seeing any work which is sent in.

We have added videos to our website of next year's class teacher reading a story for the children moving into Years 1-5. This can be found by clicking 'Learning', selecting your child's new year group, then clicking on the 'What we are learning' section. The videos will, I am sure, be particularly useful for children moving into Year 5 and Year 2 who may not be as familiar with Miss Fiddler and Ms Norris respectively.

There is also a video for the two year groups with the biggest transition: Year R to Year 1 where Mrs Culshaw and Mrs Coxon have shared information for parents and then photographs for the children; Year 2 for Year 3 where Miss Fiddler and Mrs Eccles have shared information and photographs for the children.

Finally, your child's current class teacher should also have emailed a link and password to a zoom 'transition session' where your child will have a chance to say goodbye to their old class teacher and a brief 'hello' to their new teacher.

Whilst none of the above can replace our traditional moving up day, hopefully it will go some way to alleviating some of the worries that you or your children may have.

End of Year Reports

The teachers have prepared end of year reports for all our children. These will be sent home with the children in school and available to collect on Friday 17th for parents of children not in school. Any reports not collected by the end of the day will be posted home.

Sumdog

It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm from so many families for the 'Sumdog' maths competition. Thank you for enabling your child to take part. Mrs Eccles will be updating everyone on the final outcome later today. We have had lots of positive feedback from the children and parents about this site so we will look into the viability of subscribing to it.

Holiday Sports Camp

There are a number of Sports Companies running holiday camps over summer. For obvious reasons places must be booked in advance and there are only limited spaces. Therefore, if you do require any places they advise getting in touch as soon as possible. The details for each are given below:

Evolution Sports will be running a Sports Camp at Wesham CE School in the PAV building and field. The children will be in bubbles of 15 as required under current guidelines. This will be available from Monday 20th July until Friday 21st August. Costs are £13 a day or £17 a day depending on the drop off and pick up times. If you want more details, please look at the Evolution Sports Education Facebook page, email k.olloman@evolutionsportseducation.com or contact Kieran on 07597 050935.

AFC Fylde are running an Activity Camp at St Michaels School. This will be available from Monday 20th July until Wednesday 26th August. Costs are £14 a day or £60 a week. For further information, or to book a place, please ring 07394566857 or email linus.welsh@afcfylde.co.uk.

Mr BasketBall Multi-Sport Holiday Club are running sessions at Weeton St Michaels from 20th July to Friday 14th August. Costs are £15 a day or £65 for the week. For further information, or to book a place, please ring 07772779093 or email markrangeleybasketball@gmail.com.

The Summer Holidays - Useful Contact Numbers

A list of useful contact numbers, where you are able to access support during the summer holidays, will be sent by email and will be available on our on our school website and Facebook page. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch at head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk, or via messenger on our school Facebook page (both are being checked regularly) or by ringing school.

With very best wishes

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