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I am sure that many of our parents and pupils will have been very disheartened by this week's Government announcement that it now appears very unlikely that children from Years 2- 5 will return to school before the end of this term. This is disappointing news for all of us, including the staff.

We recognise that it is becoming increasingly difficult to motivate some children and that some are feeling increasingly isolated from their friends. We have been looking at what we can do as a school to try and give you and your child more support and we would be grateful if you could take the time to complete a quick questionnaire to help us with further planning. A text with a link to the survey will be sent out shortly.

In the meantime, we are putting the following in place:

Verbal Contact from the Class Teacher

Your child's class teacher will ring next week to chat with you, do feel free to share any ways in which they can help, and they would also love to talk to your child if they have your permission to do so.

Keeping in Touch Sessions

I am hoping to trial 'zoom' chats with some of the Junior classes next week. These will be very informal and mainly a chance to come together and see some familiar faces and perhaps share some of our favourite lockdown experiences. I will text/email more information about this to the relevant parents.

Virtual Sports Day

Next week we were due to hold our Infants Sports Day and we would have crowned our Junior winning house before half-term. Therefore, we have decided to hold a Virtual Sports Day throughout next week! All children and families are welcome to take part and the more entries you send in the more points you will earn for your house. Look out for a video coming out this weekend from our PE subject leader Miss Banks!

Printing Packs

I know a number of parents are struggling to print out worksheets and we are already printing lots of packs out. If anyone else wants us to print out a pack to be collected from school please just let the class teacher know by 9.00am on a Monday morning. (You could simply reply by putting 'print pack' in the message box.) We will let you know when it is ready to collect but will obviously ask you to maintain social distancing when collecting them.

I will be getting in touch with all our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 parents on Monday, 15th as soon as we have heard the outcome of the review from Lancashire. If we are able to re-open, I also will send a link for you to confirm that you wish your child to come to school. I will then email the proposed timetable for the re-opening, the pupil and parental guidelines and ask you to check that we have up to date emergency contact numbers and accurate medical information.

I do hope you have a lovely weekend despite the trying circumstances and forecast rain. Stay safe and thank you for the fabulous support you are giving your children. Remember to be kind to yourself too – you are doing an amazing job!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch via email head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk, messenger on our school Facebook page (both are being checked regularly) or by ringing school.

With very best wishes

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