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Dear Parents,

I wanted to write to share with you the wealth of fantastic feedback I have received this week from both staff and parents alike with the sheer pleasure it has been to be able to discuss the children via Parent Meetings online or over the phone with you!

As teachers, we are so very grateful for your support and that together, we have ventured into our hopeful journey of a new healthy and happy term together.

As you know, the children enjoyed a wonderful Earth Day last week and we are busy planning in several other opportunities and exciting cross curricular days within the curriculum so that despite restrictions, we can enjoy exciting days in school...watch this space for an exciting Art Day coming up after the half term holiday!

It's been wonderful watching the children settle back so naturally this summer term; they certainly have very happy playtimes together (and are very much enjoying having their friends to play with!) Following a recent questionnaire, we were very pleased to hear that the children know staff at school are here to help them grow, learn and stay safe, and that everyone in school is here to support and care for them...and all of them were glad to be back in school (of course!)

Thank you to all our parents who have supported our social distancing, face masks and staggered start/finish times; your support helps us very much with the measures we have in place in school with the staff and children and in turn, we have remained happy and healthy in our school. We continue to reduce the number of visitors we have in school however, if you have any questions or issues at any point, please don't hesitate to be in touch, we will always try to help in any way we can. As the R rate and cases of Covid reduce throughout the city; as slowly we continue to ease out of lockdown, we endeavour to gradually build the opportunities for children to re-join and attend clubs, to look towards trips and some of you will be pleased to hear that we hope to have the minibus up and running soon - after a year of sitting still, we've had to make some substantial MOT investments (!) however we are hopeful that we will be able to resume some matches as soon as we are able - even if just between our two schools to start!



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Before the holiday, the children worked very hard on some assessments so that we could plan towards the continuation of our accelerated progress in recovering the curriculum. We were delighted with the effort the children made in trying their very best, having learned at home during the last lockdown. We were very pleased to see that there were fewer gaps than previously anticipated and the results demonstrated the effective impact of our online learning lessons and of your support in home learning.

We continue to strive towards excellence as always, and in this way, will be grateful of your support as we begin this weekend to re-introduce homework. We do understand that some children may naturally resist homework following the last three months of home learning; please don't feel like you have to battle with this in completing all of the work to start; just write a note in their planner / record book and our teaching team will take this into account. We can help you with this if you're experiencing ongoing resistance and if you need to talk this through, please just request a quick phone call - we're always happy to help.

I'd like to wish you a lovely bank holiday weekend; thank you again for this week, the teachers have really been uplifted with your conversations and we very much look forward to seeing you all again next Tuesday.

Kind regards,

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