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Dear Parents

'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever' 1 Chronicles 16:34

I write today amidst further thoughts and plans for moving St Joseph's through and out of this most surreal of years. This week marks our last week for Year 6 and we will say an emotional goodbye to them on Thursday. Huge thanks go out to Mrs Hackley, Miss Annese, Mrs Yeomans and Mrs Ratkovic for working with them and allowing them to complete a rite of passage to secondary school. Thanks to all Year 6 parents too for their support.

We are now looking forward to welcoming our other year groups back next week, albeit for a short time but at least they will have the opportunity to come to school and spend a couple of hours with their teacher to say goodbye and to complete their academic year before coming back in September into their next year group. For those year groups, I look forward to 'seeing' you via zoom later this week where you can ask me any questions – the children can ask too! You have been sent the invitation; any problems do contact the school office.

Transition for September 2020

Much work is being done around transition and my thanks goes out to all class teachers as we step into a virtual transition to ensure that you all have the information that you need for September. As I said previously, I will inform you in due course regarding the plans for coming back to school and pre-school. I need to ensure that I have all the most up to date information to enable a smooth and sustained return in September. All preschool information will be sent via Tapestry.

Pre-school children have received transition information via Tapestry and all concerns queries are addressed there. If you have any other queries then please do email Mrs Cree who will be happy to help.

All school year group transition work will be available for your child the week beginning 13th July when they will need to access their new year group page and you can liaise with the teacher via the class email. Each year group will be inviting you to a Zoom Q&A during the week beginning 13th July. The invitation will be emailed out to you along with a copy of the year group PowerPoint for your information. This will be sent this week so do look out for that.

Survey

You will receive today a parent survey, our second during this unprecedented time. Please do take the time to complete this and submit. It is so important that we recognise what we could have done better and also what has worked for you as parents in this virtual world.

Reports

You will still be receiving a report for your child. The teachers have written a report based on where they feel your child would have been academically based on their performance up until March. They have assessed whether they would be on track to achieve age related, above or working towards. It also includes reflection on their attitudes and areas for development. These will be emailed to you via the class email so if you have not emailed your class teacher over this





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time then please make sure that you do, so that they have the email address to send the report. Please could you also ensure that you mention your child's name as, in line with GDPR legislation, if we don't have the name of the child confirmed then the report will not be sent and you will need to contact the school office to discuss how you would like it sending. For Reception parents, your reports will be sent via Tapestry.

All reports will be sent out on 10th July.

September 2020 :

Since the COVID-19 lockdown was implemented and the school opened to key workers, Pre-School, Reception, Year One, Year Five and Year Six children the staggering system has proved to be a safe, efficient and calm process. I want this to continue. Following the Government announcement on Friday, I am at present formulating clear plans for September which you will hear about in a separate letter by the end of the week. To summarise, the plan is to bring school back on 3rd September with staggered start and end times to the school day. Lunchtimes and breaktimes will also be staggered to support the guidelines stated by the Government. Further detail will be my next letter.

Second-hand uniform is still being given away, please do take the time to pop into school. We continue to have a good response. The rails will always be placed outside the front entrance under the shelter between 10am and 2.30pm. If you are interested then please do come along and take what you need, maintaining social distancing guidelines at all times.

As always, we will continue to be there for you all and will continue to communicate with you regularly, keeping you abreast of all relevant information. My hope is that I can deliver information to you in a timely manner to enable clear understanding. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you are unclear about any information being sent.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

