



As the end of term hurtles towards us at a rapid pace there is still lots of learning planned and we will be continuing with the planned curriculum up until the end of term – this year more than ever we have valued every minute in school...

As we are still working within **government guidance**, which is not due to change until towards the end of July (if at all) **transition** will take place in an untypical manner, however children will get to meet their teachers – this is scheduled for the end of the last full week of term and into the last 2 days. As usual we have discussed new classes and individual pupils and as I always say we do not make decisions about classes to upset anyone – this year once again we need you to support us in this, as we do not have the capacity to spend time revisiting and amending plans in the current situation. Staff will be in touch with pupils during the holidays via email so please look out for these messages.

KS1 Staff will be in touch shortly with parents of children who will be KS1 pupils from September to outline the structure of the phase and how it will work. Last year I was able to send out a comprehensive bulletin around the **structures of the day from September**, in June – because we have to be ready to respond to any changes from the government unfortunately this is not possible yet – I am as disquieted as you are by this as there is nothing I can do at the moment and trying to 'second guess' at this point I feel is not helpful – I promise that I will be in touch with you as soon as decisions are made nationally.

School reports will be sent out this week – please look out for them on parent mail. Again, they have a different feeling to what you may have typically received historically but do reflect the type of year it has been in education. We will be holding **sports day**/mini-Olympics events over the coming weeks (weather permitting) which we will tweet about – I know this is not the same as attending, which I know lots of you would want to; but may give you a flavour of the events.

We will be holding a **picnic** for the children at the end of term to recognise how brilliant they are and have been during these challenging times – so fingers crossed for great weather – to make it extra special, even through bubbles will prevail, children can wear their 'garden party' clothes, hats etc. – more details to follow. We will endeavour to create a sense of Team Yarm even if it is from a distance.

There are lots of changes planned through the Trust for the new academic year – there will be a new **catering** contract in place (from September), using a newly developed Trust based service AND the introduction of a new information system (in October)– **Bromcom** – which is designed to streamline the range of systems we currently use – more details will be with you from the

Trust before the end of term – we see these as real positive changes moving forward.

Congratulations to Erin (Y4) who received a fire fighters award for being part of a litter picking group on the Eston Hills who collected 100 sacks of litter. You are a shining beacon of community spirit Erin and we are very proud of you. We are still 'consuming' a large amount of soap every day, as everyone's days are punctuated by many **hand wash** stops – I am asking once again if you could possibly support us with a small donation of handwash, to take us to the end of the year? We really appreciate your support as always. Thank you.

Parking and driving near the site continue to create potentially dangerous situations for our children and families – we appreciate that the majority are as aware of risks but need everyone to take responsibility – I dream of the day that I no longer need to contact you about this issue...

A reminder please that if you have any outstanding monies owed that you settle this before the end of term – this really helps us to start the year on a good financial footing – thank you.

Isolations and waiting for test results continue to be a part of our daily lives in school – thank you to you as a community for continuing to support us in helping to keep us all safe.

We have had several calls about the timings of the terms – we have been publicising these for some months now – please note:

The academic year 20/21 ends on Tuesday 20th July 2021.

The academic year 21/22 begins for the children on Monday 6th September 2021.

The PDDays for next year are (children will not be in school):

1. Thursday 2nd September 2021
2. Friday 3rd September 2021
3. Friday 3rd December 2021
4. Monday 6th December 2021
5. Friday 1st July 2022

**AND MOST IMPORTANTLY –
SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN ON FRIDAY 2ND JULY
- THIS FRIDAY -
FOR STAFF TRAINING.**

Please keep safe.

Mrs Wood