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Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK

Thank you all for continuing to follow our COVID safe procedures. The infection rate in Wakefield continues to be higher than the National Average, so it is very important that we all continue to follow the Government guidelines.

Since returning to school after the Easter holiday there have been **three positive cases of COVID-19** reported to school. All children/staff who need to self-isolate have already been contacted.

Please remember:

When arriving at school please join the back of the queue. Do not crowd the main entrance or join the queue to chat to a friend. I have received a number of complaints from parents in regard to this – it does remain very important that we all continue to wear a face covering and to ensure we remain socially distanced.

SELF-ISOLATING

Year 1 – Year 6:

If you are contacted by school to inform you that your child must self-isolate, your child must log on to TEAMS every morning at **8:30am**. Each morning the class teacher will write a message to provide you with all the information you need for the day: what time to join lessons and what sheets/resources are needed from the WORK PACK (which will be provided by school).

The work that your child completes at home should be added to the Seesaw App so that your child can receive marking and feedback from the class teacher.

If you have any problems/questions in regard to this – please call the school office or email the class teacher.

Reception:

You will receive a phone call from Mrs Mayman or Miss Berry to explain how your child will be supported at home, through the continued use of the Evidence Me App.

CLASS NEWSLETTER

You should all have received a text from school which has your child's class newsletter attached (if this is not the case please contact the school office). The staff have used an App called SWAY to produce the class newsletters which enables the letter to be used for so much more than reminders and information.

You will see that within the 'SWAY' newsletter, the class teacher has provided useful links and photographs for you to use with your child to find out more about the curriculum which is being taught in school.

For example:

Maths links – to use at home with your child (which can also help to support homework tasks)

English links – you can find out more about the class text and other books written by the same author. The teacher may have added (age dependent) a book review to read or a file which includes the voice of your class teacher reading a section of the story.

Topic links – you can find out more about the History Topic which your child will be studying during Summer term 1 and you can look at a ‘stack of pictures’ which are designed to further engage the children in their learning.

Reminders – at the end of the letter staff have added the usual reminders about homework and PE kit. We hope you find this useful and informative.

READING OUTDOORS

Please remember if you would like to donate any ‘good as new’ reading books for our Outdoor Reading Shed we would be very grateful. Short stories and non-fiction books (that children can read and share over playtime) would be ideal. Many thanks.

END OF YEAR EXPECTATIONS

All children (and staff!) are working very hard over this final summer term to ensure that the children are as prepared as possible for their next academic year.

We recognise that some children (due to varied experiences over two lockdowns) have gaps in their learning. Some children, who were targeted to attain ‘Greater Depth’ may now struggle to achieve this. Some children have coped incredibly well during the lockdown periods and are still on track to achieve their original target.

It is very much a mixed picture, but what is very clear is that your children are very happy in school and they are thoroughly enjoying engaging with their learning. They are working very hard to catch up on missed learning and the vast majority are making super progress.

Assessments and Tests

All children will complete some form of assessment (age dependent) during Summer Term 2. We will plan the assessment weeks later than usual to allow for maximum learning time. The results will be used to inform Teacher Assessments which will be shared with you as part of the written end of year final report.

END OF SCHOOL EVENTS

We will plan to do as much as COVID restrictions allow. In July we usually invite the children to a school disco. We are not sure yet if this can go ahead in the usual format. However, we will plan for something – which may be a ‘Disco afternoon’ with dancing, games and treats in a class bubble – this will depend entirely on the national restrictions and how it impacts school. We will keep you informed!

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Coyle
Headteacher

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUMMER TERM 1	
Tuesday 27 th April	Teacher/Parent TELEPHONE consultations
Wednesday 28 th April	Teacher/Parent TELEPHONE consultations
Monday 3 rd May	SCHOOL CLOSED - Bank Holiday
Thursday 6 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED – Polling Station
Thursday 27 th May	Last day of term
Friday 28 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
1 WEEK SCHOOL HOLIDAY	
SUMMER TERM 2	
Monday 7 th June	School OPENS
Tuesday 8 th June	Class Photographs
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of term
6 WEEKS SCHOOL HOLIDAY	
Academic Year 2021/22 Autumn Term 1	
Wednesday 8 th September	School OPENS