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Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The children in school are currently taking part in topics which have Design and Technology as the curriculum driver:

- Key Stage One are designing and making their own toy using simple mechanisms such as levers and sliders.
- Lower Key Stage Two are investigating making food and will use many skills such as kneading, chopping and slicing to design and make bread and/or scones.
- Upper Key Stage Two are designing and making outdoor shelters, making good use of teamwork skills.

The children in school continue to work very hard and show pride in the work they produce. After the school holiday children will start new topics, with a cross curricular approach. The first has Geography as the curriculum driver and the second topic has Health, Fitness and Well-Being as the driver for learning.

COVID-19 Restrictions

Thank you for continuing to follow the COVID safe restrictions. As I am sure you aware, Wakefield remains HIGH in terms of the daily reported COVID cases when compared to the rest of the country. This is impacting on our school as some school staff are currently isolating and the whole of Pre-School/Early Birds and Night Owls is closed until after the school holiday.

We are very keen to move back to a position where no restrictions apply, but only when the Government have updated their guidance for schools which says it is safe to do so. Until this time all measures will remain the same:

- ✓ Children remain in class bubbles and continue to sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day
- ✓ No parents are permitted in school
- ✓ All adults to wear a face covering at drop off and collection times

Planned School Events

Mrs Mayman has planned our annual **Sports, Fitness and Well-Being** fortnight and details of this (including dates for Sports Days) will be sent home this week. The planned Sports Days will take place in school and we hope that we can allow parents in to watch – please hold the date and we will let you know as soon as we can.

The Year 6 teachers are planning an end of year celebration on the afternoon of Friday 23rd July; again we will contact you as soon as possible to let you know if parents are able to attend.

STAFF

On Thursday 27th May 2021 we say goodbye to two members of staff: **Mrs Ellis and Mrs Higgs.** I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to both on behalf of all the staff and children at Wrenthorpe Academy. Both Mrs Ellis and Mrs Higgs have provided excellent support to the staff and children and both will be greatly missed. We wish both Mrs Ellis and Mrs Higgs all the best as they move on to new ventures.

Miss Pinchin will return from maternity leave on Monday 5th July. Miss Pinchin will return to providing support across school (for 3 days each week) to further enhance the teaching offer to our children. She will be in school in the lead up to this for some 'keeping in touch' days.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

These will take place in school on **Tuesday 8th June**. All children **MUST WEAR** their school uniform on this day. Class teachers will arrange an alternative day for the PE lesson for this week only and be in touch to let you know. Year 5 children will still attend their swimming lesson in the afternoon but must wear their uniform to school please.

Please stay safe over the holiday week. I hope you manage to enjoy some valuable family time.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Coyle Headteacher