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Welcome to our final Newsletter for this half term, we look forward to our break next week and welcoming children back to our final summer half term of this year on Wednesday 9th June. So much to fit in to our remaining 7 weeks before the summer holidays as we cautiously begin to come out of lockdown and lift some restrictions in school. As we return to some kind of normality in these final weeks, there will be some changes coming that we will need to prepare our children for. Teachers will be working hard to ensure that the full year's curriculum is delivered to your children and that end of year assessments are complete so that we know the progress that they have made and prepare them for next year.

Restrictions

We will continue to follow the COVID guidance and restrictions in place at this time. We are asking that staff and families members continue to stay 2 metres apart and wear a face covering at the school gates. Visitors to school will still be by appointment only. Regular hand washing, additional cleaning and strict infection control measures will continue. The one-way system for collection from Key Stage One will remain in place for the end of the school day to minimise contact and maintain the smooth and safe collection of our youngest pupils. Children will be able to bring in their packed lunch bags and school bookbags, but these must be kept out of classrooms. We will not be accepting 'forgotten' lunches, bags, coats etc. once the children are in school for the start of the day. Children must come to school prepared for the day and have all they need with them. If a lunch is forgotten, we will ensure a child is given a school lunch (and apply a charge to ParentPay if not FSM).

We will continue to keep our class bubbles separate inside school and limit contact on the playgrounds and communal areas. Assemblies and large group meetings within school will continue to operate remotely only. Children will eat their lunch in the canteen and we will return to a full menu in Feastway (the menu was emailed to all families last night and has been added to the school website).

Changes

Children have been taught in small groups and some classes have been split to keep numbers low and ensure that children make accelerated progress. To prepare our children for September, we will return to full classes when we reopen in June. For those children needing small group teaching to continue, we will use our additional morning teachers to provide more targeted Maths and English teaching.

Reminder

School will close at normal time of 3.15pm on Friday for our half term break. The dates we are closed for the holidays are from Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June. Please note we then have two teacher training days (INSET days) on Monday 7th June and Tuesday 8th June. School will be

closed to children those days. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Wednesday 9th June.

Behaviour Regulation

As I have previously explained, we will be reviewing our school policies and procedures around managing behaviour in school. We are looking at a variety of ways to recognise and reward those children who consistently behave well, are active learners or go over and above. We are working with University of Chester and Wirral Local Authority to lead the way in Attachment and Trauma Informed practise and our new approach in school will reflect this. Our staff training days after half term will focus on this and we look forward to launching the changes with the children and sharing with you.

Clubs

There will be no clubs running until the week of Monday 14th June 2021.

There are a small number of places left in some of the clubs. Please go on to ParentPay to book any remaining places. Please note that school are paying for these clubs for your children and we are so incredibly lucky to have such a variety available for all our children.

Tutoring

We have enjoyed delivering additional tuition sessions before and after school to your children this half term. The impact that we were expecting has not been as good as we would have hoped for all of our children. We have made the decision that all 'catch up work' and intervention will take place within the school day. We will continue to focus on giving our children extra-curricular clubs to allow them to 'catch up' on fun, social and physical activities and target educational tuition to within the school day. If you feel your child would benefit from additional support, please speak to their class teacher.

End of Year and Transition

As we come to the end of the year and prepare the children for their move to their new class or school we will be holding transition meetings and teachers will be writing end of year reports. Reports will be emailed home to families on 14th July. Please ensure that we have your up to date email address. If any contact details have changed, please let the school office know.

Our Year 6 children will be completing their secondary transition visit on Friday 2nd July. On this day, we will be holding an 'All Change Day' when children will visit their new class, meet their new teacher and plan for their transition in September. When teachers have met to plan for the next year, we will also review the learning plans for those children on the SEN register. Parents Evenings will be optional, if you want to arrange to meet with your child's class teacher after receiving their report, please book an appointment, information on how to do this will be included with the report.

Staffing

A huge congratulations to Mrs Whittingham who is due to have her baby in the autumn term, we will miss having her in school from September but wish her well with her new baby. Our staffing list for September will be sent to you with your child's end of year report.

End of Year Trip

On Monday 19th July, we will taking the whole school to Brimstage Maze for an end of year celebration. There will be no cost to our families for this fabulous treat. We thank our Friends of Eastway for allowing us to use all their funds to pay for this event and providing what will be a wonderful end to a very difficult year for all of our children.

Have a wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday, 9th June.

Mrs Morris

Headteacher