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Dear Parents/carers,

I write to wish you a very happy Easter break-let us hope for dry fine weather so that everyone can enjoy some time outside with family and friends. Thank you once again for all of your support over this last term especially with home schooling. Below I inform you of a few updates for your information.



This term we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Gaunt from her maternity leave. She will be working in Year 3 alongside the team for the remainder of this academic year.

In the Summer term we have put in place some additional capacity into all year groups to support "catch up". We are fortunate that some of our existing teachers on part-time contracts are able to work extra hours for us to enable this. We will continue to assess children on an on-going basis to make any further plans for the future.

You may have seen on our Facebook page an initiative that encourages parents to put subtitles on the TV when children are watching as research has found this to be very beneficial to reading development. This may be something that you already do or could easily facilitate for your child.



Google classrooms is our chosen remote platform and this will only be used if any bubbles burst or if children are self-isolating also snow and voting days. If your child is absent with a regular sickness then there is no requirement for work to be provided by schools.

A reminder that Public Health recommend 48 hours from when a child is physically sick before they can return to school. This is to help stop the spread of any infection.

In past years we have re-organised classes at the end of Year 4, ready for Upper school. After Easter we will be making decisions about this and involving your children.

All information about classes and class teachers for September 2021 will be sent out with the end of year school reports.



A polite reminder that children are allowed to bring snacks in for morning break time but these must be healthy please. In the past children have voted for fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit, cereal bars etc.

Please no biscuits, sweets or chocolate and due to allergies in school no nuts. Thank you for your support regarding this.

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Our recent Well-being clubs have been hugely successful and so for the next half term we will continue to offer these again alongside a football offer. Each club will be run by two coaches-one will offer football skills whilst the other will lead on multi sports and active games. Your child will have the chance to attend 3 sessions over the next half term and they can choose which activity they do at the club.

There will now need to be a small charge for the club which will cover the cost of the coaches. Further information will be sent out in a separate letter. As this term clubs will still take place in class bubbles.



Face to face music lessons have resumed in school for those pupils learning a musical instrument in a small group (eg violin, flute, brass and cello). We have not made any charges for music tuition over the last 12 months but these will resume from the start of the Summer term, parents will be informed when payment can be made via SIMSPay. Whole class instrument teaching which is offered to all Year 4 pupils is fully funded by school.



After a delay of a year we have now finally made a start on the garden area at the rear of school. We wish to transform this into a quiet space for reflection to support positive well-being. At the moment we are doing the ground work but after Easter we will start on some planting-please bear us in mind if you are digging anything up from your gardens at home.

Due to the current Government guidelines, we have had to make the decision not to go ahead again this year with the Year 6 Cleobury visit. This is a decision that has had a lot of thought and consultations with staff, governors and myself. We are exploring other safe option.

Yours faithfully

S Webster-Smith

Mrs S Webster-Smith
Headteacher

