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<u>Week beginning Monday July 12th 2021</u> Thought for the week: *"Growing together, Learning together"*

Dear Parents,

<u>**Coronavirus**</u> The situation worsened this week when school had to close another bubble. This time Y4 had to remain at home due to a positive case of Covid. Unfortunately, the need to close bubbles will remain with us until next Friday. My understanding is that this will be changing for September, something that I wholeheartedly agree with. The current model is not sustainable as families/schools are placed in very difficult situations. As Y1 returned Y4 have now had to self-isolate until next Tuesday 13th.

It is important that everyone remains vigilant, as a positive case from now on would mean a year group self-isolating and not returning until September. In total school currently has 58 children and 7 members of staff self-isolating. I am sure Mrs Logue will be writing to you in September about how school will respond to any positive cases in the autumn term and beyond.

Finally my thanks to all Y4 families for their understanding, patience and support. I look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday.

Reception/Nursery Induction 2021. It was lovely to see some of our new families and children earlier this week when they came into school to meet their new teachers. My thanks to Ms Rathbone, Ms Monaghan and Ms Crowton for overseeing the process. School is looking forward to welcoming all our new children and families in September.

<u>Ms Hughes/Ms Gibson.</u> School had the pleasure of welcoming Ms Gibson and Ms Hughes to the staff team this week. Both are with us up until next Friday before taking up their positions as class teachers in September. I wish both of them well as they set out on their careers.

<u>Ms Rathbone.</u> Ms Rathbone (Kate) leaves us next week as she moves on to pastures new. I want to thank her for the work she has done in her time with us. I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone in wishing her well in her new post.



<u>Ms Cooney.</u> Rebecca is also leaving school next week to take her career in a different direction. Again, on behalf of everyone I want to thank her and wish her well with her new role.

Breakfast Club. Those of you that used the breakfast club will no doubt be aware that it has not been operational for a significant period. The governors and I met last week to review this situation and decided that if it does "return" then it will do so under a different guise. Breakfast clubs were originally set up for vulnerable families to access only, families that may need that additional support for lots of different reasons before school. The governors and I felt that this was the best use of any before school facility. Mrs Logue and the governors some time in 2022 will review the situation and decide on the best way of moving forward.

<u>After School clubs.</u> Now that restrictions are being lifted (and hopefully will remain the case in September), school can resume a full programme of after school activities and clubs. Mrs Logue will write early in September with all the details.

FSM Vouchers The local authority has issued vouchers for the summer period. I will contact those families that are due to receive the vouchers early next week.

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	97%
Rec R	94%
Y1J	90%
Y1P	96%
Y2H	99%
Y2M	98%
Y3A	89%
Y3P	88%
Y4B	n/a
Y4C	n/a
Y5M	95%
Y5Y	98%
Y6M	93%
Y6Mc	92%
Weekly Average	94%

Attendance for the week ending July 9th 2021

Please Pray For. Our school and parish community as the school year ends.

Finally good luck to England on Sunday!!!!

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with all these matters.



M Aldred. Head teacher.

