

St Mary & St John CE Primary School

Headteacher: Elizabeth Burton



Newsletter 12: 26.06.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families continue to be safe and well.

It's been lovely to see so many more children this week. We're delighted that we have a workable plan for the rest of this academic year. In current circumstances, this is a long-term plan! Huge thanks must go to our flexible staff for teaching different groups with such a positive spirit and genuine care. Some children bounced back in; others were understandably anxious so we hope spending a bit of time in school will help to give them confidence for September. I do not have any more information than you on reopening normally in September 2020, but I am optimistic that this will happen, with the usual caveats about second spike etc.

Here is some staff news. Carlene Taylor is leaving as she has child-care issues, so she is going to be a full time mum next year. Charlotte Clark is leaving to go and join her husband in Germany, but she is going to be back in January to do creative arts type activities. Ellie Dawkins will not be returning from her maternity leave as she lives quite a long way from school and transport is tricky. Lise Boshier is retiring after a very long time here but she will be popping in to do some tuition. We usually do a leaving collection via the office but this year we're going to leave it to the legendary WhatsApp groups (!) for parents and carers to organise as we should not handle money in our office. There may be some teaching assistants leaving too but these are yet to be confirmed. I'll do a proper thank you to these wonderful staff nearer the end of term.

We are working on class organisation for the next academic year. We will inform you of class teachers during the week beginning Monday 13 July. Reports will be out during this week too. We are planning to hand deliver most of these. There will be no data from assessments on these reports as we've had no official assessments this year.

The end of term for Years 1 and 6 and for the Key Worker group is on **TUESDAY 21 JULY at 12.00. THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ON THAT DAY.**

We're so pleased that some children with underlying medical needs are now confident that our school is safe for them to return. There are a few children who are living with highly clinically vulnerable adults who cannot come in. The class teachers are happy to meet with these children at the end of a school day when everyone has gone home. It may help if they see their teacher even if they are unable to come into school when other children are here. It is important that these children know that we are thinking about them lots.

It's been very hot this week with exceptional UV levels so please keep safe in the sun and try not to rush off to a crowded beach or leave lots of litter in the beautiful parts of Oxford! Let's respect our stunning environment and look after each other. And keep washing those hands!!

Thank you for your words of encouragement and support. I am thankful every day for our wonderful community.

Best wishes,
Liz Burton