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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are cautiously pleased with how everything is going. We know of a few families who have needed to be tested for Covid, and where the results have come back negative, and so far no positive tests – so we are hopeful that all the work everyone is doing in our communities is doing what it should be, and keeping the virus at bay. Thank you for all you are doing, and for your continuing patience with schools not being open for so many of you.

This Newsletter is full of important information about the rest of this term and also about classes for next term, so please read it carefully.

Further Re-Opening Plans

For Year FS, 1 and Year 6 we are planning for the provision to continue as it is now until the end of term. There may be a change very near the end of term while we manage transition, but this will affect just one morning or afternoon.

For those with pupils in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5, you will have heard that the government is now not planning to ask schools to open any further for the rest of this term. *However, we are eager to see your children!*

***We are planning for your children to come back in the following way
from Monday 22nd June.***

The Sessions:

These will be one 2 hour session per week, and will be made up of an hour with the class teacher, and an hour with Coach Chris. The teachers will do a variety of circle time activities and teaching concepts linked to topics, packs and of course Maths and English. Coach Chris will be doing a variety of PE games activities. All activities will be appropriately socially distanced, which is why half the class will be with each teacher at any time.



**Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine**



Arrival arrangements: Just children will come through the gate at the far end of the MUGA, access via path off New Bowers Way, opposite Petunia Crescent, at the start of sessions (morning at 9.05am ready for a 9.15am start; afternoon at 12.50pm ready for a 1pm start).

Departure arrangements: Parent/ Carer (just one per child, please) will come through the MUGA gate and wait on the grass/ tarmac in a socially-distanced way, and your child will be released to you one at a time for you then to leave so that we have a gentle stream of people going out through the gate. (Morning leaving time is 11.15am, and afternoon is 3pm).

Toilets: We want to avoid any child needing the toilets, although of course they will be able to if they really need it – please ensure they have ‘been’ before each session.

Handwashing: We will be arranging hand-cleaning on entry to school and before children leave.

The days for your class, starting the Week beginning Monday 22nd June

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Morning: Gate opens 9.05am for 9.15am start; Collection 11.15am	2M	2C		4YS	5B
Afternoon: Gate opens 12.50pm for 1pm start; Collection 3pm	3RT		5E	4SHW	3FM

Health: It is essential that your children are well for these sessions – if in any doubt please do not allow them to come.

What to wear: Comfortable and sport-appropriate with trainers. The whole session will be outside, so clothing matched to the weather.

Weather: If it’s awful, we’ll have to cancel, and will email you. The teaching session will be under a new gazebo which will be a useful addition to our school equipment, so if it’s just a bit of drizzle we will go for it.

What about next year?

We have been planning where the classes are going next year, and I want to give you some background to our planning. Your children will have had half a year of irregular learning – and we have some work to do to normalise things for them again.

So – one class in each of FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will continue up with their teachers. This will enable the next year group to benefit from the expertise of the teachers moving up, and give some gentler transition for these children.

We can't do this for everyone but I do think it will make a positive difference to all the children in these year groups.

Here's the plan:

	This Year	Next Year, From Sept 2020	This Year	Next Year, From Sept 2020
New FS in Sept 2020	At nursery....	Mrs Cook with Mrs Scullion	At nursery....	Mrs Lee
FS to Year 1	Mr Mann	Mr Mann	Mrs Lee	Mrs Yerrell with Mrs Dennis-Lauder
Year 1 to Year 2	Mrs Cooke with Mrs Dennis-Lauder	Mrs Child	Mrs Mann	Mrs Mann
Year 2 to Year 3	Mrs Muir	Mrs Muir	Mrs Child	Miss McLoughlin
Year 3 to Year 4	Miss French	Mrs Spencer (now full time)	Mrs Rourke with Mrs Godfrey	Mrs Hayward-Windsor with Mrs Godfrey
Year 4 to Year 5	Mrs Spencer with Mrs Hayward-Windsor	Mr Barlow	Mrs Yerrell with Mrs Scullion	Mr Evans
Year 5 to Year 6	Mr Evans	Miss Austin	Mr Barlow	Mr Fisher

Please note that due to the extraordinary circumstances of this year, there will be no mixing of classes - each class will continue with the same children.

Transition is an important part of the move from one teacher to another, and we will be building this into the sessions for all the year groups before the end of this term, so your children will have at least one session with their new teacher. If they are not able to be in school for any reason, we will endeavour to make this up through other online ways. For Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 this will happen during the week beginning 6th July when the new teachers will meet them for their outdoor session.



You may have noticed some missing teachers above! I am sorry to let you know that Mrs Rourke is retiring at the end of this term – we will be extremely sad to see her leave us, as she has been such an inspiring, caring and talented teacher and given many years to The Bishops'. Miss French is leaving us for the third time (once as a pupil, and twice now as a teacher)! I hope one day she will be destined to stay with us for longer, as we have all loved having her back with us. She has helped us by covering in Year 3 while Mrs Goode has been on maternity leave and Miss McLoughlin has been our SENCO for this year. So we have a few changes, but I am delighted that Mrs Spencer is able to teach full time, and that Mrs Hayward-Windsor is able to move from two days to three days – and we are looking forward to the return of Mrs Goode as SENCO, and Miss McLoughlin as a Year 3 teacher (thank you so much Miss M for all your SEN support!).

Reports this year will be different! We have decided to write to your children, as you received a verbal report very close to the lockdown, and we want to celebrate the qualities of your children in a different way from normal, as a way of marking this extraordinary year. You will receive an indication of your child's expected levels and we will be doing careful assessment next year to track their progress. I hope that you will like them – they will be with you in the last full week of the term.

Year 6 Leavers' Service: we are actively planning something! It will be outside, socially distanced, special and safe - and in the last week of term - more details will follow.

Finally – again – I recognise that these plans will be convenient and adequate for some of you, and that others will be feeling overwhelmed by how small they are for the rest of this term. The work we are doing for the Key Worker groups has grown and we are all paying the price for all that has to be done to keep the levels of Coronavirus going down, and to keep our essential services going.

I hope and pray that normality will come in September.

If you find yourself at breaking point in any way, please get in touch and we can signpost you to support or support you ourselves.

With best wishes,
Greg Waters

P.S. Thank you for the return of so many library books – please keep them coming in!



In School this week....

Wow! Amazing artwork celebrating the gifts of the Holy Spirit – this week we have been exploring the Trinity in our assemblies.



Mr Waters led an outdoor assembly about The Holy Trinity and managed to involve children at an appropriate social distance.



The FS Key Worker bubble has been exploring whales this week.

Lily is playing a spelling game with Mrs Ivanova.



Here's Mr Evans trialling the outside lessons for us, doing socially distanced PE and meeting up with his class – here are the boys!

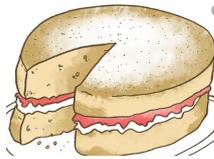


At home this week....



3E

Riley baked a cake to help him with his fractions and Ewan is looking very happy playing outside on the swing!



Meanwhile, Amelia in 5B has drawn this fox picture, having taken inspiration from a Jamie Littler masterclass.



Jasmin in 3RG has been engaged in a wide variety of activities, including cycling and climbing trees with sister Elina, and painting this wonderful picture.



