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26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well and that you enjoyed the half term together. It is typical that the weather has been so good this week in comparison but it certainly lifts the spirit to see the sun shining so much.

We are very much looking forward to seeing all of the children on March 8<sup>th</sup> and it will be wonderful to have the school even more full of life again. Keep going with the home learning – we are almost there and there is World Book Day to look forward to next Thursday – how exciting for us all!

As always, my weekly letter home will be to update you about a range of things and hopefully provide you with lots of up-to-date information whether your child is at home or in school.

### Return to school on March 8<sup>th</sup>

On Tuesday this week, we emailed you to follow up from the Government's announcement that all pupils will be returning to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of March and attending school will be statutory again. Having thoroughly read the guidance, we will be running the school in a very similar way to the Autumn Term and the safety and wellbeing of pupils, staff and our community remains of paramount importance. Our robust systems of controls will be the same and we will have staggered gate times, children playing and working in bubbles, social distancing and lots of handwashing and cleaning!



This now feels very familiar to us all and when children return to school, it will be very much like it was in the Autumn term. Over the next few days, we are continuing to update risk assessments, which we will share with you next week, alongside planning in fine detail for when children return.

We truly understand about the impact that the lockdown has again had on our children and how some may be overjoyed to be coming back to school while other children may be very anxious. By working in partnership together, we can support children to feel confident and ready to return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of March.

*Here are some top tips:*

- \* Take time to talk things through with your child and talk to them about how school will be the same as it was in the Autumn term.
- \* Support your child to join the live sessions with their classes next week (3 sessions per week) if they have not already as this will help them reconnect with their class and teacher.



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\* Make sure you've got your parent consultation booked for the week beginning March 15<sup>th</sup> or March 22<sup>nd</sup> – the booking system went live yesterday. If you are having any problems, please contact Mrs Yeo any morning and she will be able to help you. This will be an excellent opportunity to discuss your child and any concerns they may have.

\* Help your child to get back into a routine at bedtime- we know how hard this can be when children are off school! The children will find being back in school tiring and the more refreshed they are, the easier they will find this.



\* Prepare your child's uniform and try it on to check it still fits! It is amazing how much the children have grown.

\* Talk to your child about seeing their friends and staff again and how great this will be but we do need to remember that we are not having physical contact with others in school just yet..

\* Continue to talk to your child about handwashing, good hygiene like coughing into the crook of their arm and using tissues to sneeze into. Help your child be informed about the virus and the hygiene measures. Resources can be found here <https://www.e-bug.eu/>.

\* Talk to your child about the importance of following these rules about handwashing and hygiene as well as the fact that they will need to be staying within their class bubbles. These expectations are all part of our school behaviour policy.

I will write to you again next week with more detailed information so that everyone knows what to do and where to be ahead of March 8th.

### Art Competition

Thank you to those children who entered the half-term art competition. I was so impressed with the quality of the art work that they submitted and would like to announce the following winners.



EYFS - Indie



Year 1 - Bethany



Year 5 - Ralph



Year 2 – William R



Year 4 – Oliver S

Congratulations to everyone who took part. Winners, if you are in school, please collect your prize from me on Monday and if you are at home, you may want to pop into school on your walk or collect your prize on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

All children who entered but who unfortunately did not win, will receive a certificate and a dip in the box prize.

### Parent Consultations

The booking was made live this week so please ensure you have booked your slot with your child's teacher. These meetings will be held in the weeks beginning March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> and as we did in the Summer term, these will be held remotely. This will be a great opportunity to discuss the progress your child has made and their next steps.



### Assemblies



On Monday, I will be posting another new whole school, recorded assembly for you to enjoy with your child at home. This will be posted onto your child's Google Classroom stream or onto Tapestry. There will be a different focus each week and opportunities for you to discuss big ideas with your child and also opportunities for your child to submit something in response to what they have listened to. All children's responses will be shared.

### Tea and Talk

Thank you to those of you who attended last week's session on phonics. I hope that you found it useful. This week's session will be a chance to ask any questions you may have about your child's return to school on March 8<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by Miss Ryan and Mr Grinsill. The session will be on Thursday from 12.45 – 1.30pm. Please contact Miss Lea in the academy office for the link.

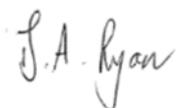


### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday next week and is always a highlight of the school year. Mrs Smith has written to you all today with news about all of the exciting things we have planned.



Best wishes and please take care. I will be in touch early next week with full details for March 8<sup>th</sup>.



Miss Ryan  
Head of Academy