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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace
1 Peter 4:10*

Work together, learn together, grow together...

Friday 15th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: School Reopening Updates and News

This is the end of a long week of speculation in the media about schools reopening on 1st June. New documents and risk assessment tools have been arriving in my email in-box on a daily basis. All of the major teaching unions are meeting with national scientific advisors today to seek reassurance about the safety of schools reopening. Therefore, further advice and guidance will be coming our way next week.

I can't thank you enough for your patience and positivity during this uncertain period. In my conversations with some of you, I have been heartened by your kind words of support. I am also extremely fortunate to have been so well supported by our wonderful team of staff. They are as concerned as everyone else, but also want us to be able get our schools back on their feet.

During the lockdown period, I have been reading and researching some of the available scientific information. I have found the following information sources useful:

<https://adc.bmj.com/content/early/2020/05/05/archdischild-2020-319474>

This article sets out findings from across the world and makes the case that children, based upon current data, are not 'super spreaders' of the virus. I should point out that this is one view.

https://youtu.be/K2bEm_NvIpc

Last Friday, I watched this video conference which was attended by leaders of education in Cambridge and Ely. It is an hour long. You may wish to listen to all of it or you can skip to the parts that might be of more interest to you by following this timing guide:

0-15 minutes background on the virus
16 minutes How it is transmitted
18 minutes - virus lasts for this long - cleaning implications
20 minutes - protection through distancing/body position
24 minutes - cleaning - what you can use to clean. CONTACT POINTS are key
27 minutes - cleaning regime
29 minutes - EYFS and Y1 social distancing and safety
31 minutes social distancing
33:30 minutes transmission
35 minutes cleaning
39 minutes nappy changing
42 minutes cleaning
45 minutes masks yes or no?
50 minutes reduce spreading the virus - class bubbles
53 minutes - temperature checking?
55 minutes - gloves?
56 minutes - Cleaning frequency

58 minutes body position
59 minutes hands what to do with them!
1:01 minutes social distancing, breaks, lunch, pick ups etc
1:06 minutes Twitter contact

If their five tests are met, the government want us to reopen for YR, Y1 and Y6 pupils from 1st June. So what are we doing to prepare for this?

Each classroom and space in our schools has been assessed to identify the maximum pupil and staff numbers that are suitable to reasonably achieve social distancing measures. (see photographs attached).

We plan to split YR into two groups (the term 'bubbles' is being used by the Department for Education). One YR bubble will be based in Pine and one will be based in Oak. Y1 bubbles will be in Sycamore and Rowan. The Y6 bubble will be based in the hall as one group or split into two groups with one in the hall and one in Willow.

Each group of children will have a minimum of the same two or three adults working with them. This is to ensure that the children and staff remain as separate bubbles from other groups. The groups will have staggered playtimes and lunchtimes. There will be markings around school to help the children to recognise appropriate distancing.

Outdoor learning opportunities have been considered to encourage pupils to be outside as much as possible. We are particularly keen to involve our Y6 pupils in refurbishing our memorial garden. It's desperately in need of some love and attention! Y6 will also be reviewing their primary school years and possibly making a film to present to their families at the end of term. We have been speaking to the high schools about ways to collaborate over transition activities.

The Wymondham cluster of primary schools work closely together and we are agreed that we want to have a consistent approach. We will be meeting on Tuesday 19th May to discuss our plans in light of the most recent advice. I'm aware that some school leaders have sent out surveys to ascertain how many parents/carers would be willing to send their children to school. I would prefer not to do this until I am confident that I have shared as much information with you as possible. In that way you will be able to make an informed choice. Please expect to receive a survey next week.

I know that many of you are very concerned about the risk and challenges of sending your children back to school, but, as always, we will do our best and work together to do the right thing for our children, staff and community.

Child Care Arrangements

Key Workers:

When we reopen the schools, we will be providing places for the children of key workers as well as those in YR, 1 and 6. If you are a key worker and you don't have childcare for your child/children, please let me know what your requirements will be from 1st June by emailing me at head@morley.norfolk.sch.uk. You can email me at any time, if your circumstances change.

Half-Term Holiday:

The Wymondham Cluster of schools have made child care arrangements for the half term holiday. Children of critical workers and vulnerable families will be able to make a booking for Robert Kett Primary School's Extra Time Club at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/jdcyz3tMM8SWyTTY9>

The deadline for responses is 9am on Monday 18th May.

CASMA

The Norfolk Music Service have advised us that CASMA 2020 has now been cancelled rather than postponed so all ticket money will be refunded to the original payment method.

Rainbow Song

We'd like to say a very big thank you to the children (and parents) who produced a video for our Rainbow Song film. There was a very small group of you in the end. Mrs Smith is busy producing the final cut for us and we will share it as soon as possible.

Home Learning:

One of our children has come up with the lovely idea to decorate stones for our memorial garden:

You can use oil paint, acrylic paint or sharpies. The stones will need to be varnished but we can do this back at school. Make your design as bright and colourful as you can and bring your stone with you when school restarts. (See the attachment for ideas).

Have you outgrown your wellie boots?

We would like to invite all of the children to decorate (paint, permanent marker etc) their old wellie boots and bring them to school so that we can use them as plant pots. We'd like to hang them from our school fence to make a pretty display.

Collective Worship:

<https://www.thenational.academy/extracurricular/faith-at-home>

The national Church of England Education office has been commissioned to work on providing a weekly act of collective worship for the new Oak National Academy. I have attached the link to the first one for you to have a look at. We will be posting these videos in the Google Classrooms.

In addition to this, our own Reverend Sally has made short Collective Worship videos to share with the children and families. We have shared two videos in the Google Classrooms this week and will continue to add videos in the coming weeks.

Abi's Coronavirus book for kids:

Abi (Y6) has written a book about the Corona virus for younger children. She's done a fabulous job with this. Please find a copy attached.

Summer Reading Challenge:

Please encourage your child to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, which can be found on their class page on the website and in the Google Classroom.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

British Psychological Society

The British Psychological Society have produced some advice for **key worker parents**. Please see the attached information.

Celebration Friday

- Mr East says: *These children are Sycamore stars this week: Bella - Super homophone work and a great fact file! Katie - Super work on Peregrines and tasty looking scones for VE day! Tiernan - More super Peregrine work! Mitzee - A beautiful Egyptian necklace! Ben - Sharing all the books he has read with the class and being a good friend to others! Charles - More super Maths work!*
- Mrs O'Dell says: *Thank you to all children contributing such a range of material to the Classroom Finley T has completed some great writing this week, Finlay B, Charlie and Frankie have also completed great extended writing tasks. Fabulous baking again this week. Great*

contributions from Jamie, Anja-Faith and Fin S. Consistently good work on My Maths - it is very hard to pick out individuals again so sorry if you have been missed off.

- Mr Clements says: *Special mention this week to Bethany L for some amazing writing, Jake for his amazing artwork to go with his English work, and Sienna-Mai for some brilliant spelling!*
- Mr Watson says: *These children are our Superstars this week: James for recording and uploading a brilliant song for everyone in Oak Class! Polly for making some brilliant Florence Nightingale Lanterns for all her family, Theo and Ella-Rose for working really hard on all their learning this week and Maiya for building some fantastic Lego dinosaurs!*

Values Certificates

- **Imogen - Respect:** For leaving kind and encouraging comments on other people's work
- **Joshua - Perseverance:** For trying so hard in all of his work and coming up with a wonderful set of instructions for making slime
- **Robin – Generosity:** For sharing so much on Google Classroom Stream
- **Abi W – Service:** For writing a really clear information book on corona virus for younger children.
- **Bethan S – Service:** For organising the poster for the School Council Painted Stone Challenge
- **Amy S - Generosity:** For sharing some great science work on the stream this week.
- **Ebbany - Koinonia:** For raising £270 for the NHS by cycling 100km in 10 days. A fantastic achievement!
- **Sophie – Perseverance:** For showing great perseverance in cycling 100 km to raise money for the NHS!
- **Martha - Friendship:** For writing many kind and positive comments to her classmates on Google Classroom.



Some of our children have celebrated their birthdays this week. I'd like to say a big

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to

LAYLA, TABITHA & CHARLES!

And finally:

Reverend Sally shared this prayer with us in the first of her collective worship videos this week:

Father,

help us to remember the important things in life -

Kindness, love, truth and honesty

And that all the money and possessions in the world

Will not make us happy if we are not right with You, ourselves and others.

Give us a sense of how You would like us to be

So we can use our lives well and truthfully

And in a way that pleases You.

Amen

Kind Regards



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