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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*

Friday 5th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: School Reopening Updates and News

We have had a very busy week in school, preparing for the return of our Year 6 children and we are looking forward to seeing them, together with our children of key workers on Monday 8th June. If you haven't informed us that your Year 6 child is returning on Monday, we have two places left. The maximum group size is 15. Please do not turn up without speaking to us first.

Mrs O'Dell has created a FAQs sheet for the Year 6 children on Google Classroom which they may like to read before Monday.

Please don't forget the following items:

- Put on sun cream before coming to school
- Soap and emollient for hands if child suffering from sore hands due to frequency of washing
- Flexible uniform as they require clean clothes every day
- Packed lunch and water bottle
- Sun hat
- Your child should not attend a child minding service. In order to minimise contact between groups of children and staff, children should attend just one setting wherever possible.

The Year 1 children will be joining us on Monday 15th June and the Reception class children will join us on Monday 22nd June. If you haven't informed us of your decision to send your child to school, please ensure that you do this without delay as we have limited space. Our first priority is for the children of key workers and vulnerable children.

It's important to point out that we are not forgetting our children who will remain at home. Our teachers will continue to provide home learning work for them.

September:

We are sending out separate letters to inform parents and carers about our class groupings for September. Please keep an eye out for these.

New Entrants:

We have been prevented from doing our usual transition activities for our new Reception class children. However, we are planning to make up for this by having transition activities at the beginning of the autumn term instead. More information will follow for the parents and carers of these children and Mrs Easter will be making contact with you in the coming week.

Home Learning:

Library Service:

Go to this link for the library service's Book Bites leaflet with ideas for supporting home learning. [May 2020 Resource Newsletter \(click link\)](#)

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.

JK Rowling Fans:

JK Rowling is releasing chapters from her new books: The Ickabog. She is running a competition for children to illustrate the book and has been sharing the drawings. For more information go to:

<https://www.theickabog.com/home/>

Our Morley School Council have come up with the lovely idea to decorate stones for our memorial gardens:

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 attached photos for ideas).

Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

After the Event:

Our children will have had different responses to the school closure and the pandemic. There may have been other traumatic or worrying events within your own families. I am attaching a leaflet to this letter which gives advice about how to talk to your child after a frightening event. I hope you find it useful.

Looking To The Rainbow:

Thank you to the small group of children who took part in the Church of England's, Looking To The Rainbow project: Tiana, Maiya, Tiernan, Arthur and James. They sang beautifully and courageously and you can view them for yourselves here: <https://youtu.be/3HRYIWwyDLU>

Celebration Friday

Our children have completed some wonderful work this week. The teachers have nominated the following children for special mention:

- Mrs O'Dell says: *Special mentions - to all those who are working so hard at home and on the classroom. Superb poems this week. It's hard to pick out individuals but Finley T, Milly and Oscar have completed some really thought-provoking writing this week.*
- Mr Clements says: special mention to Amelia this week for a brilliant maths quiz, Jake for some great English work and George E for some brilliant story writing!
- Mrs Cooper and Mrs Easter say: *we are delighted to hear that Pine class have enjoyed half term and managed to get outside and into the sun. We are looking forward to our mini beasts topic this half term and have already seen some fantastic work from everyone. Great work and keep it coming.*
- Mr Watson says: *These children are our Superstars this week: Very well done to Maiya, James and Arthur for singing and starring in the video: 'Looking to the Rainbow', which was uploaded onto Google Classroom this week. I am extremely proud of you all!*
- Mr East says: *Special mentions need to go to Milena, Zac and Harley for their pirate play, Ben and Charles for their nature artwork and Fergus for his treasure map*

Values Certificates

- **Jamie-Lee - Friendship and Perseverance:** for a great range of work and for always taking the time to comment on others work too.
- **Aimee – Perseverance:** working so hard on such an amazing amount of writing and hand-control work.

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- **Layla – friendship:** Layla has had a super week at home, she has been very kind to her brother and played 'Pop to the shops' with him. She also did some baking and helped her brother to join in too.
- **Baxter - Perseverance:** Baxter has been working very hard at home on his writing. He wrote a fact file about a moth that he had seen in the garden taking care to write his letters neatly.
- **Maiya– Koinonia** For demonstrating the value of Koinonia by uploading and sharing a fantastic video on Google Classroom of a science experiment.
- **Samuel – Perseverance** For showing great perseverance this week in school by making a brilliant junk model space rocket.
- **Sienna-Mai - Perseverance:** for putting 100% effort into everything she does
- **Thomas – Friendship:** For map making for his brother
- **Katie – Perserverance:** For working so hard on her play script



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to

JOSEPH & HENRY!

And finally:

Our School Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Remind us to use our gifts, to serve one another, as good stewards of your varied grace.

Amen

Kind Regards

Laura Green
Executive Head Teacher

