



Tuesday 23 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As we are nearing the end of term, I thought it would be useful to update you on a few things.

**A quick reminder that school finishes this Friday 26 March at 1.30pm for all children in Reception-Year 6 inclusive. Nursery will close at midday. School re-opens on Tuesday 13 April with the same start times for year groups as this term.**

Nursery	9.00 - midday
Nursery (30 Hours)	9.00 - 3.00pm
Reception	9.00 - 3.10pm
Year 1	9.00 - 3.10pm
Year 2	9.00 - 3.10pm
Year 3	8.45 - 3.00pm
Year 4	8.45 - 3.00pm
Year 5	8.45 - 3.00pm
Year 6	8.45 - 3.00pm

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I want to say a big thank you for adhering to all the COVID-19 measures and controls in place since all children returned to school on 8 March. You will have noticed that, along with other local schools, we had a police presence during the first week, observing some drop offs and pickups. The police have been extremely impressed with what they observed. Thank you!

It has been fantastic having all the children return to school and hearing them talking and laughing in the playground and catching up with their friends. Staff have noticed that, just like when they returned to school in September, the children are tired, need more time to re-focus and listen and are slowly adjusting to getting back into a school routine. The majority of the children are very resilient, and we are confident that they will bounce back quickly, just like they did during the autumn term.

### **Parent Consultations**

As a result of our spending most of the Spring term in lockdown with the majority of children not in school, we have taken the decision to postpone parent consultations until after the Easter holidays when they will have spent more time at school. The consultations will take place over the two weeks commencing 26 April. These will be

telephone consultations like we had in October and we will send out information when we return to school after the Easter break.

### **Side gate and fence**

If you use the Gilbert Way alleyway you will probably notice that work is being undertaken to replace our side gate and part of the boundary fence. This work will be completed next weekend. The governors took the decision to replace it to secure this area from intruders, who have been able to climb over the old fence, which had been damaged when a tree came down during storms.

### **Trees**

I am pleased to announce that our 50 native saplings have arrived. Preparation work for our tree nursery has already been undertaken by Mrs Duck (a governor) and Mrs Hoffman (an ex-governor) so that the children can easily plant and label the trees. We are hoping to plant them over the next few weeks! We shall keep you updated.

### **COVID minute silence**

This morning we had a fire drill practice, which ran very smoothly. We took the opportunity to observe a minutes silence to remember everyone effected by COVID during the last year. This took place on the large playground where we all gathered in our class bubbles.

We look forward to seeing some of you at our Easter Camp and I hope you all manage to enjoy some lovely weather over the Easter break.

Regards

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**Headteacher**