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NEWSLETTER JUNE-JULY 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term, and I can't believe that we are in the final half term of this academic year! It has been lovely in school to feel that we are slowly returning to our 'normal' school life.

WHAT WE WILL BE LEARNING

Our value for this half term is **Truth** and we will be reading bible stories and picture books with a focus on how we can demonstrate and develop this. In Robins, children will be looking at some traditional stories, including 'The Gingerbread Man' and will be creating books and stories about this. In Goldfinches we are going to be looking at non-fiction writing including instructions and explanation texts. We will be planting our tomato plants this week and hopefully we will be able to harvest some produce in the Autumn Term. We will continue to have our whole-school focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing and all children will receive dedicated time with our Nurture T.A. (Mrs Oxley).

SWIMMING

The children have been amazing. Their behaviour at Aqua Vale has been praised by staff there and even the youngest children are trying so hard with getting changed and dried and listening to instructions independently. I hope that they are telling you all about their swimming lessons (and of course travelling on the coach!)

WARM WEATHER

It has been extremely hot recently, so we would like to remind you to send in a sun hat (named) for your child to wear. Also, if you would like your child to re-apply sunscreen during the day, then we ask that you send their cream into school in a named bottle (sticks or roll-ons are the best type for younger children), and that they keep it in their bags and that they apply it themselves when required. Please can you ensure that you send your child to school every day with a *full bottle of water*. This can be topped up when required.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES - ROBINS

We would like the children in Robins to please bring in a complete change of clothes. There have been a few 'accidents' recently and as children will continue to access the water tray and painting area, it would be good to have spare clothing.

SPORTS DAY

In line with local guidance regarding the Delta variant of Covid-19, we have decided not to have a sports day at the Rec, but instead to run a 'sports week' in school (From July 12th – 16th). Children will be

doing a range of activities each morning, including an extra session with our Game On coach. We will take photographs and upload these onto the school website for parents to see. We are sorry not to be in a position to invite parents, but we hope that you understand. We would ask that during that week, children come to school every day in their PE kit.

TRANSITION DAYS

In July, children in Robins will have a chance to spend a morning in Goldfinches with the current year 1 children, in order to prepare them for September. We are currently awaiting guidance regarding whether on-site visits to local primary schools where our current year 2 children will be transferring to, will go ahead. We are planning to have the Year 3 teachers from Brookmead school come here to meet their new children. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

We will be issuing these towards the end of term, and, as in the past if you wish to discuss anything in more detail with your child's teacher, then please contact the office and we can arrange this. Please note that due to parent consultations having happened so recently, there may not be as much progress to report as in previous years, and many of their targets will remain the same.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

These remain as per last term and we would like to remind all parents that when dropping or picking up their child, it should be one parent only, and that you wear a face covering whilst on school property. Staff will continue to wear the perspex face shields when admitting/dismissing children. We ask that you come onto school property and wait in line, in a socially-distanced manner (like you do at the shops). This will make it easier to have a quick word in person with your child's teacher, which is so important to us all. Once you have your child with you, please could you leave the area as soon as possible, to allow others to collect their children safely. We would also like to remind children to keep safe and not to climb on the railings.

COVID REPORTING PROCEDURES

These remain unchanged and we would like to remind everyone to keep us informed regarding any changes to your situation. If you, your child or any member of your family have any symptoms of Covid-19, you must all isolate until that person has had a negative PCR test.

We are really hoping that the learning and fun activities which we have planned for this half term, will ensure that all children have a happy end to what has been a very challenging year academically. Please take care and I hope that you all stay safe and well.

Best Regards,

Karen Scott
Acting Headteacher