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Dear Parents,

I haven't written recently, as life has been calm and steady in school. We are relaxing measures slowly but surely. It has been great to start making plans, including the Year 6 activity week that is taking the place of the residential this year, the Key Stage 2 camp out, and trips being organized in Key Stage 1.

We have also welcomed back our regular helpers, plus a couple of other volunteers that are helping by hearing the children read and working with the Forest School teachers.

The Governors have resumed their monitoring visits, and more are planned during the rest of the term. We have assigned particular Governors to work with our subject leads to monitor Maths, English and Science. You will be able to see this information on the school website when it is updated.

Guitar tuition has also begun, and it was really lovely to have Mr. Morley back in school. Hopefully by the end of the year the children will have something great to share with you.

The next big step will be when the 'bubbles' can be popped! We will then be able to meet as a whole school and mix at lunchtimes. We may keep the playtimes separate as this does allow the children more space to run around. I think we will keep the window for drop off open for 15 minutes to ease the parking, and perhaps collection. Please let me know your thoughts as to whether this works well for parking etc.

I know some have you have started to enquire as to which classes your children will be in next year. One of my next jobs is to look at staffing and class sizes for the next academic year, so I should be able to start getting that information to you in the next few weeks. As always, the teachers and myself will make decisions with you and work in the best interest of every individual child.

Sports day looks to be going ahead (July 12th 10.00), so pop the date in your diary. I hope by that stage we will be able to meet outside safely and enjoy the morning together. Mrs. Sharma has already started planning the Year 6 play, which looks to be excellent as always.

I may not have mentioned that statutory assessments will not be taking place this year, but as a school we will still be going through the usual processes to inform us of where the children would have been. So that information will still be available, but not reported as is usually required by the DfE. This will take place at the end of June.

I'm really hoping that as restrictions are lifted we are going to have a great end to the very strange year we have been through. We want to give the children lots of lovely things to look forward to (they deserve it), whilst keeping up that essential learning that they need.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Helen Ballam.