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Dear Parents

Welcome back to what, so far, has been a wonderfully sunny, but rather cold start to the summer term! We hope you enjoyed a lovely Easter holiday. Hopefully, we can now enjoy an uninterrupted period of teaching and learning in school leading up to the summer break. Although schools continue to be open for all pupils and lockdown measures eased somewhat on 12.4.21, our Covid risk assessment measures still have to remain in place, as previously, until further notice. It is very important that you continue to be vigilant for symptoms of Covid in your family and self-isolate if required. We do not know at this moment what we may be permitted to do as we near the end of the summer term, but are hopeful that some events might be able to take place as they normally would have done. We already know that educational day visits can take place, if Covid measures are secure, and we may be in a position to organise trips/visits before the end of the summer term. Unfortunately, residential visits are still not permitted and so these will have to be postponed until the next academic year. We will, of course, keep you informed!

I know that you and your children will be very keen to meet the new Headteacher, Mr Young, and I have congratulated him on his appointment and invited him to visit the schools whenever he wants this term. He does have his own school still to run, but is eager to begin his work here and get to know you all.

Staggered start/finish times

We are still required to have staggered start and finish times to the school day to comply with Covid safety measures. Please **DO NOT** arrive before your child's allotted start time and wait for classroom doors to open. We should not have unnecessary queues on the school site at this time.

Pupil assessments

As you may be aware, from earlier news articles, Y2 SATs will not take place this term and neither will the Y1 phonics test. Teachers are working hard all the time to assess what your children can do and to plan work that helps them close any gaps in learning that may have occurred when the schools were closed. Teachers will ensure that internal data on pupils' achievements are recorded and up to date on our internal management systems for your information and their next teachers.

We will hold parents' evenings during the last two weeks of this half term. It is really important that you sign up for an appointment so you can discuss your child's progress and achievements and find out how they are settling back into school life again.

Diary dates – so far

- 3.5.21 – school closed for May Day bank holiday
- 17.5.21-21.5.21 – Parents' evenings – details to follow
- 24.5.21-28.5.21 – parents' evenings – details to follow
- 28.5.21 – School closes for half term
- 7.6.21 – School reopens



7.7.21 – Reports out to parents

21.7.21 – School closes for summer holiday

6.9.21 – School reopens for the Autumn term

Please note that more dates may be added following government announcements on 17.5.21 and 21.6.21.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Bates
Headteacher