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## School Newsletter 17

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### Inspiring Learners, Enriching Lives, Achieving Together

Dear Families,

Monday sees a huge change to COVID-19 restrictions in England, with significant easing of measures. As a school, we have thought carefully about how to ensure that we keep our families as safe as possible, so we would ask that, whilst on school premises, you keep your masks for the remainder of the term. We will also keep the staggered start and end times for the last 3 days of term. Currently, we are awaiting our highest number of results of PCR tests from families. As you have no doubt seen in the local news, our infection rates are rising and we are doing all we can to keep us all as safe as possible whilst heading into the summer break. If we receive a positive result, we will still be required to close bubbles and children will be requested to self-isolate for the 10 day duration. Fingers crossed this does not happen but unfortunately, it is still a possibility. We wish all of our poorly families a swift recovery.

Next week, I will be sending an email to families to share how we aim to return to 'normal' after the summer break. Please watch out for this email.

As the final three days of school approach, many schools begin to wind down, but not us! Next week will see our children focusing on the future. They will be completing a whole school art project around the theme of 'Love and Hope'. The children will be learning and refining drawing and sketching techniques as well as using a variety of media to create their art work. These framed pieces will then be displayed in the school hall at the start of Term 1 so that we can celebrate our budding artists' achievements. A huge thank you to Ms Jones for organising this.

On Tuesday evening, Year 6 families will be welcomed back to school from 6pm – 7:30pm for a farewell picnic tea. We are really looking forward to a socially distanced get together. Could we ask that all Year 6 families enter the school via the back car park? The large gates will be unlocked so that everyone can go straight to the field. Don't forget to bring some goodies to enjoy and something to sit on!

Wednesday sees a truly busy day at the school as we wave farewell to our brilliant year 6 children. It will be the first time that we have been able to invite families to school for a 'little bit of normal' as we welcome you on to the school field for our family picnic (weather permitting). To ensure that we are COVID compliant, could we ask the following of our families:

Only two adults per family – pre-school children are welcome and not included in this total.

Please collect Infant children – Reception, year 1 and year 2 - from the KS1 playground and then walk past the reception playground, follow the path to the key stage 2 playgrounds and the school field.

If you only have children in Key Stage 2, please enter the school via the back car park. The large gates will be open. Year 5 and 6 children will be waiting on the 'Old' Key Stage 2 playground and Year 3 and 4 children will be waiting on the 'New' Key Stage 2 playground.

Unlike previous years, to ensure that we are able to keep all families safe and avoiding large groups gathering closely together, the children **will not** need to return to the classroom after lunch and will be able to go home at 1pm at the end of the picnic. Please notify the class teacher, if your child will be staying in school on Wednesday afternoon.

I am sure it goes without saying but could I just ask that all families socially distance when at the picnic. Please ensure that, as an adult, if you are standing up and moving around the school that you wear a face mask. When seated, you are free to take it off. This is simply to ensure that we are keeping everyone as safe as possible. In order to enable this event to happen, we have put together a risk assessment, which relies on families being responsible for keeping each other safe. You have all done such a brilliant job so far. Let's keep it up for 3 more days! .

And finally... This is mine and Mrs Lugg's first year as the substantive Head and Deputy at Elm Park. Working alongside Mrs Johnstone as our Infant leader, we have been immensely proud of all that our community has achieved over the course of 2020-21. I know this word has been overused but we have been in unprecedented times and the sense of pride we all have in the way our staff, children and families have worked together for the good of our children is simply incredible.

To my staff team – thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to our children. Rest and recharge ready for an exciting new year. To our families, I wish each and every one of you a wonderful summer break. To those who will be moving on in September, I wish you every success for the future and to those of you moving up to the next year group, I am truly looking forward to being able to share a 'little bit of normal' with you all.

Best wishes,

Carol Bond

A very proud Head Teacher 😊