



Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

You will have seen that yesterday the DfE published their guidance on the return to school for all pupils in September. We are very much looking forward to seeing our school full of happy pupils again, and although things will still not be quite back to how they were before lockdown, it will certainly be fantastic to have everyone back. I would like to thank you all once again for your patience while we have stuck to the published guidance and Health and Safety advice given to school. I know that many of you have found it extremely frustrating that we haven't got all children back already, and I have to say that I am in complete agreement with you on this! Once our plans for opening in September have been signed off by the Trust board we will be able to share them with you.

The guidance also requires schools to have a 'Plan B' prepared. This is to allow remote learning in the event of school having to close at short notice at any point during the next academic year. Although we very much hope that this won't happen, we are already busy planning what this would look like, and would really welcome your feedback and suggestions for improvement if we should need to close again. You will receive a 'Forms' questionnaire later today and it would really help us if as many people as possible could complete it.

Sports day

Sports day was certainly a very different affair this year, but we were delighted with the response from the pupils at home as well as at school. Everybody put in their best effort, despite having to dodge the rather large raindrops, and enjoyed the activities provided. There were some super results across the board. Our 'Team Barton' entry for the North Yorkshire Virtual Athletics Competition was: Jack, Lucas, Ryley, Faith, Boo and Freya and they scored a whopping 845 points! Their score has been submitted and we are excitedly waiting to see where they placed!



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Well done to our Key Stage 2 Champions in the five events: Ryley – long jump, Chloe – speed bounce, Lucas – shuttle run, Lexie – target throw, Alfie – vertical jump.

September Reception starters

Transition to primary school is a very important part of a four year old's life, but this year things have had to be done slightly differently. We have set up a Class dojo page for our new starters to tell us a little bit about themselves and we also held our first ever new parents zoom meeting this yesterday. It will be lovely to meet them in person in September!

Home learners

A massive well done to our wonderful home learners (and their parents) who are still going strong. It is lovely to see your posts and the things that you have been up to. It's especially lovely that we have been able to share some of your work with the children in school.

Also, a huge well done to Isla Horsley, Class 2, who wrote a poem about Coronavirus at the beginning of lockdown and has been awarded Blue Peter Badge for her efforts – It was a very thoughtful poem, what a superstar you are Isla.



Staffing update

It is with real sadness that I have to let you know that Mrs Farrow will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Farrow has been a teaching assistant at our school for over 25 years and has seen many, many changes in that time – she has even taught some of our parents. Joan is a highly skilled and very popular member of our staff team, and we are extremely sad to be losing her. I'm sure you will all join with me in wishing her all the very best in her future adventures.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend- let's hope the weather dries up a bit and the sun shines.

Kind regards,

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