



Dear Parents

Many of you will have heard the Education Secretary Gavin Williamson's announcement on Tuesday about more children returning to school. He stated "we ask schools who have the capacity, to bring back more children before the Summer in smaller class sizes, if they are able to do so." Next week we are expecting further guidance from the Government about how this might be achieved.

Currently we do know that we would not be able to make a full time offer to all year groups with the current guidance in place of class sizes of 15. We do not have the numbers of staff or resources to make this work.

We are currently exploring our options to see if we might be able to open the school to all year groups but on a part time basis. As part of this planning process I will be sending out a further communication early next week asking parents **IF** the school was open to all year groups, whether you would want to send your child back—this indication of numbers allow us to use our best endeavours to make a safe plan for all of our school community.

These are uncertain times we all find ourselves in, and I understand how frustrating and challenging it may be at times home schooling and balancing home and work commitments. We do want all children to return to school but our priority will always be to maintain the highest standards of safety for our children, staff and wider school community.

Mrs Murrey

Wellbeing Wednesday

It was lovely to see via Google Classroom what everyone chose to do for Wellbeing Wednesday this week—keep sending us your updates! During next week you will all receive your sunflower pots to look after. For those of you that missed the email, your child will receive a plant pot with a sunflower seed planted in it to look after and grow at home. As part of Wellbeing Wednesday we'd like children to keep a record of their growth, for example they could measure them, sketch them, take photos etc. If children are in school on Wednesdays they will keep them at school. Remember sunflowers like sunshine and don't forget to water it. We'd love you to share their progress on Google Classroom.
#wellbeingwednesday



After School Club Provision

Thank you to the parents who have already completed the survey. It is important that we receive this information by next Friday 19th June at the latest, to be able to plan for September.

<https://forms.gle/3mVumJ1hmwktjZJs6>

Bike Ride Fundraising Event

Alex and Ben M are doing a 38 mile bike ride to help their grandad (who is doing a 76 mile ride) to raise money for Wakefield Hospice which is really struggling with fundraising due to the COVID crisis. So far they are up to 26 miles so will hopefully manage 38 miles on the 18th.

More details are in the attached pdf, but they would really appreciate your support to help their grandad help an essential charity for so many people.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-taylor71>

Nursery Places September 2020

We have places in our nursery from September 2020 for three and four year olds. Details are available via the website <https://tackley.oxon.sch.uk/nursery/> or from Mrs York in the office, 01869 331327.

The Summer Reading Challenge 2020

Have you signed up to join the Silly Squad on a new adventure? The Summer Reading Challenge celebrates funny books, happiness and laughter. Join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books! Create a free profile to keep track of your books, reviews, and all of the special rewards you unlock along the way. You'll also find heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home. This year's challenge runs from June to September, so there is plenty of time to take part and get silly this summer. Join by following this link

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Virtual Learning Powers

Medcroft Class Push Yourself

This week's learning power in Medcroft is for another Nursery child. This person has returned to Nursery with a wonderful positive attitude and has been very happy playing with her friends. She has quickly engaged with our routines and really made the most of her sessions with us. Well done Lexi for receiving the Push Yourself learning power, we are all really proud of you.

Nethercote Class Push Yourself

This week, we have chosen Kaitlyn for Push Yourself. She has worked so hard at home doing amazing science and maths. We are so impressed! Well done Kaitlyn.

Harborne Class Independence

It is always hard to pick someone for a learning power from Harborne. You all continue to impress me with your attitude to learning and kindness to each other. However, this week I have chosen to award the learning power of Independence to someone who really brightened my day on Thursday, their enthusiasm and motivation towards the home learning tasks has been exemplary and their hard work has paid off with them being excited and proud to share work with their class. Keep up the fantastic work Jack!

Rousham Class Concentrate

The Virtual Learning Power I have awarded this week is Concentrate. It goes to someone who right from the start of home learning has concentrated hard, completed the work I have set to a high standard and has shared her achievements with me. I particularly enjoyed the science gameshow video she produced with a guest appearance from mum! Well done Emily!

Stay safe, keep in touch and please look after yourself and each other.

Mrs L Murrey
Headteacher