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### **Dear Parents**

It was lovely to welcome everyone back from a well-deserved Easter break this week. The atmosphere is brilliant, with pupils, teachers and other staff genuinely pleased to see everyone back in school. It was also great to see the amount of pupils travelling 'on wheels' to school!

I have a relatively short update for you this week, which is positive in the current circumstances as, for once, I don't have any COVID-19 topics to cover other than a clear reminder that all COVID Safety protocols remain in place.

### Dates for the term

Along with the newsletter, you will also receive a copy of the dates for this term. As you will understand, we are still unable to fully plan for the rest of the year due to restrictions. We have, however, planned some activities in the hope that the roadmap identified by the Prime Minister is successful and we can have some community events. We will obviously keep a very close eye on announcements!

### **Church grassed area**

I have had a few complaints that some of our pupils are playing on the grassed area at the front of Church. This includes playing football. Can I remind you that this is not an area to play on, especially as parents and pupils should not be socialising outside the school grounds!

### **School Reports**

Despite the year that we have had, you will still receive an in depth report about your child's progress this year. There will still be an analysis of their attainment, but, as all statutory assessments were cancelled this year, parents will not receive test scores for their child if they are in Reception, Year 2 or Year 6. Similarly, pupils in Years 1 and 4 will not have results for the phonics screening or multiplication tests. These reports will be shared in July.

# **Attendance**

Parents of pupils whose attendance is below 96% will receive a letter on Monday. If you do not receive a letter, this is due to your child's attendance being above our expected level of 96%. We have also noticed a small number of pupils arriving on their own after 9am. From next week we will contact all parents of pupils who are late.

### **Fundraising**

Thank you so much for your generosity. You helped raise an amazing £372 for The CAFOD Walk for Water and £402 for the school Easter raffle. Thank you again.

#### Number Day

You will receive information today regarding our Number Day on 7th May.

### **Social Media**

I will be recording my Friday Night Bedtime Story which will be shared on our Youtube channel - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUET78516kVrym8kevz3CkKPuhD0UJCrl">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUET78516kVrym8kevz3CkKPuhD0UJCrl</a>

Please let us know what you think of them. We are also sharing a survey in the next week which will be based on communication, social media and working remotely with parents. If you have time, please complete it as this informs us of our next steps.

# And finally...

As usual, Easter brings us hope in the form of warmth and sunshine. Wishing you all the very best for the forthcoming weekend, hoping that we can all enjoy the continued Spring weather.

Take care! Mr P Craig