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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents,

The children and staff have all been working very hard this week despite the extremely hot temperatures. It has been really lovely to spend time in each class observing English teaching and learning and seeing how engaged the children are in their activities and looking at the progress that they have made in their writing from the start of the school year. I am looking forward to observing Maths lessons across the school next week.

#### **School email system:**

As you are all aware the school has been affected by a loss of email service. KCC has confirmed that this is due to a cyber-attack that rendered part of the education network unavailable across many KCC schools. The Local Authority are continuing to work on resolving this matter, but at this time we still do not have full access to any of our school email accounts. As you can imagine this is affecting our day to day operations at the school and we would ask that if you need to pass on any important information please do this by calling the school office. As soon as this problem is fully resolved we will inform you. Thank you for your understanding at this time.

#### **Government announcement and change of date for easing restrictions:**

Following the government's announcement on Monday regarding the extension of restrictions until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, the school will be unable to invite parents onto school premises for our Sports Day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. This event will still take place and we are really looking forward to the children having a full sports day experience and being together as a whole school. FOMS are planning to help make this day extra special by coming onto the school site to offer the children a selection of ice creams and/or ice lollies to enjoy and more information will be provided about this next week.

#### **Please see the Term 6 diary dates below for additional information regarding each event.**

***Please note that schools are expected to operate under the Department for Education guidance and yesterday we also received additional information about this guidance from KCC.***

#### **Wraparound childcare from September 2021:**

I am delighted to inform you that our **Breakfast Club will be re-opening in September 2021** from 7:30am to the start of the school day. Our **After School Club will also continue to be open** from straight after school until 6:00pm. Please can we ask you to plan ahead for your childcare needs in September, as our booking form will require you to select the days needed for the whole term. This is very important as we will need to ensure that we have the correct staffing in place for Breakfast Club and After School Club each day. There will be a separate letter and a booking form for Term 1 (September – October 2021) coming home this term to explain how we will be operating bookings and session times from September.

#### **September 2021:**

We are busy planning our extra curricular clubs, our school timetable and other operating arrangements in the expectation of the removal of COVID-19 restrictions. Next week I will be sending home a Parent Survey for you to complete so that we can capture the views of all parents on many operational matters that the school has had to put in place during the last two academic years. This will help us plan how we will operate from September 2021. Your views and opinions are important to us and staff and children will also be consulted in a similar way.

#### **Online support for parents: Grand Theft Auto**

Please find attached a National Online Safety poster on Grand Theft Auto. We recognise the challenges of ensuring that your child is safe online and each week we will provide information to support you as a parent. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any advice or support regarding the online safety of your child.

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### **New Class Teachers for September 2021 and our transition programme for all children**

Starting next week on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June, our children will begin a 4 week transition programme for moving up to their next class, including spending time with their new class teacher(s). Each week the children will have a 45 minute session with their new teacher (s) in their new classroom. A letter confirming your child's class teacher(s) for September will be sent home next week.

### **Reminders:**

- **Parent volunteers:** We are continuing our outside redecoration programme in June and also working on areas of the school grounds including the pond. If you would like to volunteer, please let the office staff know.
- **Kent Test September 2021 registration for Year 5 parents is open until 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.**

### **Key dates for Term 6:**

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>First day of Term 6</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 5 parents</b>	<b>Kent Test Meeting at 3:30pm</b>
<b><i>A PowerPoint Presentation will be sent home to all Year 5 parents next week regarding the Kent Test process. The meeting for Year 5 parents will be held in line with current guidance and social distancing measures. Only 1 parent attends per child. Please wear a face covering at all times whilst on school premises. Miss Maryon/Miss Lavelle will go through the important information and be available to answer any questions that you may have.</i></b>		
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	KS2-KS3 Secondary School Transition workshop
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	KS2-KS3 Secondary School Transition workshop
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Years R-6</b>	<b>Mereworth's Got Talent – FINAL *Children only*</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Years R-6</b>	<b>Sports Day with grab bag picnic lunch and FOMS special treat! *Children only*</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Years R-6</b>	<b>Summer music concert – 5.00pm at school</b>
<b><i>Cancelled and will be rescheduled for next school year due to COVID-19 regulations</i></b>		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Years R-6	Reserve Sports Day in case of bad weather on 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Residential trip to Carroty Wood
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Years R-6	End of Year academic reports go home to parents
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Years R-6 parents</b>	<b>Optional parent consultations 3.30pm-6.00pm at school</b>
<b><i>Pre-booking will be required. Please inform your child's teacher(s) in advance if you wish to attend.</i></b>		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Years R-6	Special Lunch – Summer street party
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 parents</b>	Year 6 production – 7.00pm at school
<b><i>Awaiting confirmation of restrictions being lifted on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July.</i></b>		
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>		<b>Last day of Term 6</b>

Have a lovely weekend.

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