

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Dear Parents/Carers,

School will finish at the end of the day on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July and we will be closed for ALL pupils until opening on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The government has stated we will be open for all children in September with the guidance coming out today to support schools. As soon as we are able to inform parents of how we will be working we will let you know. We really look forward to seeing them all again.

## Reports

We will be giving out reports at the Transition Sessions for pupils who attend or posted out if need be. For Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Y6 these will be given out in classes next week. These do include a reply section as we were not sure what would happen with the 'return to school' plans from the government being so vague. We would ask that you retain this section and bring it back in September please.

## Seesaw Home Learning and the Summer

Seesaw will require you to scan a new code from 14<sup>th</sup> July for it to remain active. The new code has been printed and is ready in your child's Report envelope. The code can be used immediately.

We will continue to provide Home Learning next week (normally a 'break week'). This is because the week after (13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July) I have asked staff to prepare for/come in for the transition meetings and a few other things so there will be no work out that week. Mrs Bushnell may set some activities for Year 1 as it's her last chance to be in contact before she retires and she does miss the children.

During the summer Seesaw will remain open and we will be sending out activity ideas – these are there for you as parents to use if you need them. Teachers will not be responding to them as I've told them to have a rest but they are there for those difficult days. Please remember to use your Seesaw codes to ensure you receive them.

## Big Cat Phonics Reading Books and Collins Connect Reading

These we have been assured will be open during the summer for parents to continue to use for reading books.

## Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize

We feel your children need a break from Home Learning over the summer (and probably you as well!). With social distancing slowly being relaxed spending time with extended family and friends will be vital to get them used to socialising again. ***Laughter, play and fun will be the best things for them to overcome any anxieties before they return to school.*** We will pick up any gaps in learning when they come back, but being socially ready to access learning again will make that so much easier.

However, for some parents the lifeline of having something to do may remain, especially after being out of school so long. Oak Academy has much improved over the last few months, we've had some good feedback from a few Y6 pupils who have begun to use it regularly. It can be found here:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year>

and BBC Bitesize here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

***But, as we said, being socially active is vital for your children's return and would be our recommendation.***

## Transition Arrangement for current Year 1 to Year 5 (who will be in Y2 through to Year 6 in September)

We have been asked to clarify a few things with regard to the school transition sessions and picnic arrangements.

### For the picnic:

- We will be expecting children and their parent to maintain social distancing at the standard 2 metres
- Masks may be worn (they are not in school) if you so wish
- The one parent may bring a sibling if childcare is an issue
- We can't provide adult toilet facilities (that's why it's a short picnic!)
- Those pupils in school already will still need a parent to take them to the picnic – we simply haven't got the staff to do otherwise. **We will take them to the transition session.**
- Unfortunately, if the weather is poor we will have to cancel the picnic and just have the transition session in the sports hall starting at 1 pm and finishing at 2.50pm.

**If parents are unsure if they can make the picnic or not please come along if circumstances change – note this in the comments section for us.**

### For the transition session:

- This will be an opportunity to meet their new teacher, see their friends and break the 'worry' about coming back in to school.
- There will be fun stuff to do.
- The children will have a social time outside (so they'll need a coat – it'll happen raining or not)
- We will follow the same practice as we do for the rest of the school currently. The government expects the children to be in bubbles and to socially distance where possible. However, they also accept this is extremely difficult to do with young children. For this session they will be sat 2 metres apart when inside but we are very good at still making this fun and socially active.
- When outside the children will play/socially interact in their bubbles.
- Our standard cleaning procedures will remain in place.

## Transition Afternoons 1pm – 2.50pm (Picnic 12.30-1pm)

Current Y1 - Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July with Mrs Ebbage (new Y2)

Current Y2/3 – Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July with Mrs Gooding (new Y3/4)

Current Y3/4 – Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July with Miss Allanson and Ms Mike (new Y4/5)

Current Y4 – Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July with Mr James (new Y5)

Current Y5 - Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July with Mrs Aldread (new Y6)

**If you haven't already completed the form could parents of Year 1 to Year 5 children click on the link below even if your child is currently in school. This will enable us to make the necessary arrangements.**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FLCPDzGwKUyzIgN\\_CNbErEnEN4TS6WJCuFg2Wggp9fiUN1JBVVMxMEwyQVhWUVhDNDNEWkIRNk03RS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FLCPDzGwKUyzIgN_CNbErEnEN4TS6WJCuFg2Wggp9fiUN1JBVVMxMEwyQVhWUVhDNDNEWkIRNk03RS4u)

## Transition Arrangements for Reception (who will be Year 1 in September)

Due to Mrs Travis, the new Y1 teacher in September, working in another school we will be unable to arrange a transition session for Y1 pupils for health and safety reasons. Mrs Travis will provide some 'hello' videos for the children through Seesaw so please keep an eye out for future messages about this.

If you have any further questions please contact Mr Snape via [headteacher@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk) or call the office (being aware it may not be staffed) on 01773 872378.

Take Care and Stay Safe



Headteacher and the Pilsley Staff Team