



Dear Parents

Having reached the halfway point in the Autumn term, I just wanted to say how impressed I have been with all the children since our return in September. Despite the many changes we have had to make to the school routines, they have all adjusted really well and have made a positive and successful return to school. I also want to thank you all for your support of our new systems, especially those for pick up and drop off and respectfully ask that you maintain this when we return after the holidays. We are so pleased that we have managed a full half term without needing to close a bubble. This is in no small part due to the vigilance of staff, children and parents in maintaining our infection control procedures.

Over the last few weeks, our SMILE curriculum has structured our approach to re-engaging children with their learning in school. I am happy that this has allowed us the necessary time to ensure that meeting the children's emotional needs has been at the centre of every cohort's learning journey since September. There is lots of evidence of the children having fun in their learning and details of specific mini adventure plans on your child's curriculum pages. Please also follow us on Twitter for regular updates on what's happening in school. During the next half term, it is our aim to continue to create positive learning experiences which will help all children to reach their full potential and also to create happy memories of school - even in these strange times. Look out for information on our plans for each individual bubble's festive performance complete with stage, lighting, costumes and much singing! Also, following the success of our virtual leavers' celebration in July, we are also looking forward to conducting our Christingle carol service by zoom this year and we hope you will join us for this.

Trident soccer are thrilled to be returning to school from the 11th of November. They will be running an after school club for years 3 and 4 on Wednesdays. They will also be working with year 5 and 6 on Thursday afternoons as part of their PE session. We will alternate bubbles around these activities in the Spring term.

Thank you for all your feedback on our parent consultations this half term. This was overwhelmingly positive, with some parents preferring the virtual meeting as it works better for families - especially those with younger children. We will certainly look to maintain a blended model to suit parent preference in the future.

Finally, I am sad to announce that our amazing FSFA committee members are at the end of their tenure. Three fantastic years at the helm, have seen Dawn, Nic and Sarah take the association from strength to strength and the funds raised have been invaluable to us as a

school, providing as they do, the opportunity for us to add the extras to our provision that we would otherwise not be able to afford. I am sure you will all wish to join me in expressing our gratitude for all their hard work in support of our school and all its children. The FSFA are now looking to recruit a similarly energetic committee and volunteers to take over the reins (with plenty of support still available from the previous incumbents). So, if you feel this is something you would like to be involved in, in whatever capacity, please attend the planned virtual AGM on Monday 9th Nov at 6:30pm to find out more. The link for this will be sent out at the beginning of next half term.

Have a lovely half term and stay well.

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