



19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term is racing towards the summer break and children are getting back into the new 'norm' of learning. Thank you for supporting us with all their learning and I hope your children are enjoying the themed weeks.

We have four weeks left of the summer term until the summer holidays begin. During this time we would have normally planned for a long transition for children into their new classes which will not be able to happen this year. Transition is very important for children's wellbeing so, when all children return to school (and we are hoping this will be September) they will return to their current teacher, have some time during the first week back with them and then transition to their new class teacher. I will share more information with you before the summer when we have more information from the government but may have to share information over the summer, depending on government guidelines. But, I will keep you updated and fingers crossed all children can come back.

I am very conscious our Year 6 children will also need a massive celebration when we can all be together so I will let parents of those children know as soon as possible in September what we have planned to celebrate their primary years.

We will still be sending out school reports and will post those out to you at the start of week commencing 6th July. Because of the pandemic and the not being able to carry out final assessments, we are unable to give attainment levels this year. Teachers instead have reported on attitudes to learning and progress made before school closed to most children. If you would like to discuss the reports with the class teacher, please email the school to arrange a phone call.

Our last day of school before the summer break will be Friday 17th July. Before then, we will need to collect Chromebooks and reading books. Teachers will send messages on Parent Hub next week with a timetable when parents can return these items. Next week, we would like to start taking in reading books, and Chromebooks on Friday 10th July. So, please keep an eye on Parent Hub for messages about returning items. The final week of term will be a celebration week and we will be handing out learning packs to children the week before.

Please also note, we will be following government guidelines and not be open over the summer to critical key worker families.

We have also been asked if children can send in gifts for their teachers which is a lovely thought. If you would like to, and you do not have to, please would you mind waiting until we return in September during transition.





If you are needing to buy new school uniform over the summer please see our website for our updated uniform list. I sent a message out about changes a few weeks ago but just to clarify changes:

Black trousers/skirts/plain pinafores (trousers not to be cropped, tight or jeans)  
Black shoes (no boots, including ankle boots or trainers)  
Black socks/tights  
White polo shirt (not shirt/blouse)  
Navy sweatshirt (no hoodies) preferably with school logo if possible.  
Navy checked summer dress/black shorts and white polo for summer term and up to the end of autumn half term.

At the end of this term we will be saying 'goodbye' to Miss Clark who is moving over to Staynor Hall Primary but hoping she can come back for a short time at the beginning of September to help with transition. Miss Clark has been a great asset to our school this year and we wish her luck at her new school. As the school is in our Trust, we will still be in touch with her. We will be welcoming Mr Hughes in September and Miss Oglesby will also be returning from maternity leave.

Class teachers for next year will be:  
Early Years (Nidd and Esk) - Mr Greene  
Year 1 - Miss Catterall  
Year 2 - Miss Oglesby/Mrs Jeff  
Year 3 - Mr Hughes  
Year 4 - Mrs Forster  
Year 5 - Miss Dimmock  
Year 6 - Mrs Christie

We would normally discuss the classes with the children in school which we cannot do at the moment and it is difficult to share with them without being there to support them with change. Please can I ask you to share with your children and we will check in with them next week. If you would rather do this together with us, we can arrange a phone call to talk together with your child.

In school, teachers are working hard on plans to support children with returning to school in September. Please be reassured that their wellbeing will be at the top of our list. We have missed the children so much and cannot wait to see them all again.

Many thanks for your support and please contact me if you need to any time.  
Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fletcher