



17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

The end of this school year has been like no other with this final half term being so quiet compared to the usual business summer term. We have been absolutely delighted by the number of children that have returned to school. The vast majority of the Year 6 children returned when they were able to and this last week 172 children came in to school to spend their day with their new class teacher. We hope that the children that have been in school have enjoyed their day and are looking forward to their return in September.

Our first day back for autumn term is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020, although staff will be in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September for INSET days. The office staff will be available on the phone on the INSET days should you wish to contact the school at all.

### **School Mini bus**

We are particularly excited to inform you that we have taken delivery of our new school mini bus just before the end of term. The school have leased the mini bus and we will be using it as much as possible from September. As required by the Hertfordshire County council all drivers must have completed a mini bus driver's assessment before being able to drive it. The mini bus will be used for sports events as well as giving the children enhanced learning opportunities.



## **Uniform**

Reminders have been sent home regarding the correct school uniform to be worn in September. It is essential that your child is dressed in the correct uniform from head to foot including black school shoes. We will be checking that children are dressed in the correct uniform on the first day in September.

## **Meet the teacher meetings**

These will not be able to happen this year in the same way as previous years as we are unable to welcome parents on to the school site and collect in classrooms. Therefore teachers will ensure letters are sent home, during the first week, with all of the year groups' specific information. Should you have any questions following this information being received then please do give the office a call and class teachers will endeavour to call you back when they are not teaching.

## **Staff leaving**

Miss Wood, our sports apprentice, will be leaving us at the end of the term. We thank Miss Wood for her commitment to the school and for all her hard work. We wish her lots of luck on her next adventure. We are hoping to have another sports apprentice during the next academic year however as yet this has not been confirmed.

## **New staff**

In September we look forward to welcoming Mr Scarborough in to year 4. Mr Scarborough is a very experienced teacher and will be a welcome addition to our team.

## **Parent contact information**

Please don't forget to advise school of any changes to contact details - especially mobile phone numbers which you may change/upgrade over the summer break. We must be able to contact you during the day in case of emergency or to follow-up any absence queries.

## **Dinners**

Due to the fact that we have made the decision to not use the school dining room children will be eating lunches in their classrooms from September. Therefore the choices for the children are limited so please see the menu sent previously. We understand that this is a significant change however keeping the children, and staff, safe and healthy continues to be our first priority. We will return to a more familiar menu as and when we feel that it is safe to do so.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support this year, have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.