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I am sure that you are all aware of the latest government announcement on children returning to schools! We now have a much clearer picture of what we can and cannot do and will be working on plans next week and beyond. We will send out information as soon as we have secure plans and will give you as much notice as possible so that you can make arrangements for your families.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding during this whole time. It has not been easy for anyone and it has really felt like the school community and beyond has pulled together and offered support to everyone. It would be great to see if we can maintain that spirit!

Books

We have now done a thorough audit of our book stock in school. You may receive a letter telling you that you have some school library books at home and we have included a picture of the book cover to try to help you. Please can you return them to school. There is a box by the main reception area which we will empty daily. Thank you.

New Staffing Structure

We are delighted that Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Biddle will be sharing the post of Assistant Headteacher from September. This is an exciting post that will support the development of teaching and learning across the school, working in classrooms and developing subject leadership alongside staff. This will also give us some extra capacity as a senior leadership group in school.

Parking

Please do not park on Summer Lane outside the school. This is causing congestion and nearly caused an accident last week. We all have a responsibility to keep our children safe and if you choose to park on double yellow lines and zigzags, you are not doing this. We have the Arena car park to use for free, so please use it. Thank you.

Transition

Next week you will receive an email with a document about your children's new class and teacher and teaching assistant. We are also asking that you complete a document with your child and return it to school by email before the end of term. It asks for information that they want to share with their new teacher, so that they get to know something about them. We would normally do this when we swap classes, but this is our attempt at doing it virtually! The children will also be getting a phone call from their new teacher!

Virtual Sports Week - 13th - 17th July

We couldn't let COVID-19 get in the way of our annual Sports' Day so we have an exciting week planned. There are two elements to the week.

1. Daily activity: A menu of activities where families/classes can choose one activity to take part in. These are personal challenges that can be modified to do at home including indoors.
2. Beat the teacher: This is a chance for children to be competitive against each other and a member of staff. Each day, we will have a google form set up for parents to enter how well the children do; this is how children can earn family groups points. They will be awarded for entering and for beating the member of staff.

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Check our twitter page each morning that to see the 'Beat the teacher' challenge so you know what you have to do. It would be great if you sent us videos or photos that we can use to create a montage at the end of the week. Send them via twitter or our admin email.

We will send a letter about this next week with all the details via email.

Holiday Provision

Premier Sport who work with us in school providing after-school clubs, are running a club locally based at Whipton School. Details are below for interested parents.

Our Holiday Camps near you...

Venue: Whipton Barton Ex13jp & Exwick Heights Ex42bf

Dates: 27th July - 31st July 2020

Times: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Price: £110 per child, per week

Ages: 5 - 12 years

Additional Info: •

Block booking system in place to reduce the risk of infection. Children will remain in their 'bubble' for the entire week. Visit us on Facebook for questions - @pegexeter

