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Reach for the Stars

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Dear Parents/Carers

First Week Back!!

This week it has been lovely to welcome back Nursery, Reception and Year 6, if only for two days!!

Most of Year 6 came in on Thursday. As they lined up outside they seemed to have a world of worry on their shoulders and I have never seen them so quiet and wary. Half an hour in school and that had truly disappeared. They have come up with great social distancing games, including new ways of chatting and dancing in a circle which they can enjoy together. They are the best at social distancing and are maintaining this and hygiene really well. They have worked on their transition worries with Miss France and in my view are really benefitting from being back in school, they have made me feel we are really needed and have an important job to do. I would hope that all Year 6 make it back before the end of the Summer term at least.

I was amazed at how keen Nursery children were to come back in and how few upsets there were as they rushed up to Leanne totally independently!! Although it is hard for them to be strict with the social distancing they are doing brilliantly and are following the hygiene rules fabulously, washing their hands frequently. Leanne has been the most creative across the whole Federation with fly squatter 'hands' for them to give each other high fives!!

A few Reception and Year 1 have also come in incredibly well, they have really enjoyed socialising with each other again and getting the playground to themselves to ride the bikes has been a highlight!! Although for them strict social distancing is quite hard they are proving very capable of it and handwashing and general cleanliness has been maintained well. They are really benefitting from school structure and focussed work again, although some are finding it quite tiring!!

For those of you who are still at home, **if your year group is back in school there is now an expectation that you keep up with any online learning set as not attending may well mean that the gap between you and your peers will widen.** I would encourage **all pupils** not in school to maintain work for their teachers through the website, class Dojos and/or Purplemash going forward through the Summer term and to contact teachers through class Dojos showing what they are working on so that we can check in with them and how they are doing. Teachers will be contacting pupils and parents to keep in touch in the coming weeks. Mr Church will always be available in school on a Friday morning for any Class 2 pupil/parent.



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I hope that as we keep going through the term many more of you will consider it safe enough for your child to return. I cannot believe how well the children have responded to the new rules and how happy they seem to be back to a certain sense of routine and normality in these strange times.

Take care and stay safe,

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Rachael Williams (Executive Headteacher)



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