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As we fast approach the end of the year, I am going to outline what systems and processes we have in place and how we will share these with you.

End of year reports

Teachers have been busy writing your child's end of year report. These will be shared with you via Class Dojo on Thursday 25th June by 5.30pm. If you are not connected to Class Dojo, this will be shared via email. There will be an opportunity for you to write a response to this report, or ask any questions that you have about this in a class dojo reply to the teacher. A printed copy will be kept on your child's record in school, as it is every other year. As you will understand, data and attendance signify the point at which school closed. We will be completing assessments with the children upon their return to ensure a tailored and adapted curriculum to meet their needs.

Children learning about their new teacher for 2020-2021

We have now confirmed staffing for 2020-2021. We will also share with you 2 teachers who aren't with us from September.

Miss Rehal a much loved teacher is leaving us, and Leicester, this summer to get married and start the next chapter of her life in London. She has had such a wonderful impact on the reading journey that school has been on. She has championed the creation of 2 libraries and has, over many years, brought to school creative professionals who have left us so very inspired. We will miss her dearly and wish her well.

Miss Nixon is temporarily leaving us to grow her family, her 2nd child is due in July and we wish her well in the life juggle of having two little ones at home 😊

On Tuesday 30th June, you will be sent an email outlining who your child's teacher is next year. To aid this transition your child will receive; a video from their new teacher telling them all about themselves, an information slip with the child's teachers name and class number/bird and to help them visualise their new classroom they will receive a photo booklet showing them where their classroom is, the toilets are that they will use and their entry point to school. Miss Bickley has created a video for all of the children moving to the junior building to watch. It is on our YouTube channel link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRe71-Lv3UA&t=8s>



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To be mindful of transition we have kept all children in the classes that they were in when they went into lockdown, apart from Year 3 who will be split into 4 classes and Nursery who will be put into their new Reception classes. Each year group also has a 'familiar' adult travelling with them.

We have 4 new teachers joining us for 2020-21. Miss A Mckee will be working in one of our Reception classes. Mr A Davis and Miss J Smith will be working in Year 4 and Miss G Edwards will be working in Year 5.

Additional meetings for parents to support transition

If your child has an EHCP plan or requires some further transition, Miss Rowe will be arranging transition meetings to take place with the new class teacher and old class teacher during the week commencing 29th June 2020. Miss Rowe will send you a meeting invite, week beginning 22nd June via TEAMS for the following week. At the arranged time, you will need to click the link and it should take you to the meeting. This is an opportunity for you to meet with the new class teacher, ask any questions that you may have and how we can support your child with transitioning back into school after the Summer. If you do have any questions regarding this then please contact the office and speak to Miss Rowe or contact her on class dojo.

Year 6 leavers'

- Leavers hoodies can be brought from Superthreads Ltd. Please order these by making a direct payment to Superthreads with the payment reference being KM Child's name and size. The deadline for ordering is Wednesday 24th June at 4pm. A letter was emailed last week about this.
- Year 6 and their families are invited to the awards evening via TEAMS on Monday 6th July at 6pm. Get dressed up BAFTA style and be ready to hear about the celebrations of the pupils. An invitation for this will be sent out shortly.
- On Monday 6th July, Year 6 can attend school to collect their belongings. You will be given a time slot for children to collect their old books and belongings from the school hall. Hoodies will also be available to collect at this time.

New starters to Reception and Nursery

There was a virtual welcome last Tuesday and there will be another tonight. You should have all received a message from the school office about this. Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the new Reception teachers have arranged 1-1 virtual meetings with all new children. You should find an email with a time and a TEAMS link. Nursery home visits (either virtual or in real life) will happen at the start of term as normal.

I will write again at the end of term, but I would like to express my sincerest thanks to you all. You have been such a supportive and thankful community during a really difficult time. I feel like it has shown, more than ever, the importance of a strong home school relationship and I look forward to this continuing in our next 'new normal' in September. More information about school return in the Autumn term will be shared before we close for summer.

Many thanks,

Mrs Z Simpson

Principal