



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

It was lovely to hear from so many of you last week to let us know that you and your children had enjoyed the teacher reveal films. Jonathan Lewis, our Director of Education, even shared the film with schools in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. I think that I can confidently say that no other school did it in the way we did. We wanted to make it special as we couldn't tell the children in person. We also wanted them to know how much we are looking forward to them coming back to school and being with their new teachers.

As I said in a tweet last week, we have decided to keep the teachers in their current year groups for another year. We had quite a bit of movement last year as well as new topics for most year groups. When you add a pandemic into the mix, we felt that teachers would benefit from being familiar with their curriculum and their year group partner and that this would help us make a smooth transition back into school.

Government guidance about children returning in September was published on Thursday. This includes a guide for parents which we will send home today. A number of key changes have been made which will make it easier for us to have everyone back. As you can imagine, there are a number of things we need to put in place as we will need to consider all aspects of the school day, from the moment we open the gates in the morning until we close them at the end of the day. Although we will look more like 'normal' school, there will be a number of changes. We will not have whole school assemblies initially, there will be less opportunities for you to come into school, there will be no clubs for a while, our Curriculum Evening will be pre-recorded and posted online, playtimes and lunchtimes may have to be staggered...

That's the start of what will no doubt be a long list. There will be some changes that we will feel sad about and where we can do 'normal' things we will. However, what I am confident about is that we will make this work. I've had a quick look at the parent questionnaires (more detail will be provided in next week's final newsletter of the year) and I am delighted that the vast majority of you think we are doing a great job. There are, as always, a few people who disagree but thankfully these are in the minority.

What is clear is that almost all of you think that we have done a good job during the pandemic. I am confident that, after a well-earned break this summer, we will return to school and make this next chapter work as well. I have always been proud of my team but never as much as I have felt in the last few months. Staff are also sent this newsletter and I want them to know just how much I admire them. They have been flexible, resilient, open to change, taken on leadership of new initiatives, managed to smile throughout it all and been a delight to work with.

What has also made it all work so smoothly is that you, the parent body, have also been supportive and flexible. Your kind words, edible treats and messages have kept us going. I genuinely hope that this is a sign of things to come for the new academic year.

We have a lot to do before we open our doors in September. We will try to give you as much detail as we can before we break up but I suspect that we will only be able to confirm details later in the summer holidays. I do want to point out that any plans we share with you are subject to change. Government guidance is regularly updated and no one can be sure what the situation will be in late August.

Take care,

Simon Eardley  
Headteacher

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## End of Year Awards

Sadly, during the last few months we have had to cancel the Honours Awards that would have taken place.

We are pleased to announce that we are going to go ahead with our End of Year Honours Award and pick two children in each class who we feel have shone this year. Their awards will have to be posted to them but we will also email them a copy.

We are also going ahead with our PRIDE Award to the Year 6 pupil who has most embodied the PRIDE Code in their time at the school. We will also announce which House had the most House Points this year.

We have also chosen the eight children who will be House Captains in Year 6 next year!

All of these results will be shared in next Monday's newsletter.