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Headteacher's news:

School partial re-opening: Week 5

This week school has felt closer to 'normal' again. I met with the SLT on Monday and we had a teacher meeting on Wednesday to discuss the final two weeks of term before the school closes for the summer holidays. The government had announced earlier in the week that this would be the case and I was pleased that the Secretary of State for Education acknowledged that 'teachers, support staff and school leaders deserve a break, to recharge and rest'.

Yesterday, the government published guidance for the full opening of schools from the start of the autumn term. The documentation related to this is extensive and school leaders will need to digest the contents and work with the LA before disseminating it to parents. I am going to draft a new planning strategy for the school and publicise this in due course. The LA Health & Safety Team will be working hard on a new generic risk assessment and this will support the plans I put in place.

The KIT visits were a success last week and on Monday and Tuesday we invited Year 1 and Reception parents and children to school for a quick 'catch up' with their teachers. I am conscious that there are some children that were not able to visit school for one reason or another. If your child is in any of the year groups from Reception to Year 5 and we have not had any contact with you or your child over the last couple of weeks then please contact the office to let us know if you would like a 'keeping in touch' telephone call from your class teacher.

You will all receive a school report before the end of term which will provide a summary of your child's attainment and progress in school between September and March. Included with the report will be a letter detailing your child's new class and class teacher for September. I am intending for these to be available from Monday 13 July and I will write to you early next week with the details of how these can be collected for the children who are not currently attending school. We also have plans for our Year 6 pupils and our new Reception starters which will be communicated next week too.

I had hoped that we would be able to offer all children some time in class-with their new teacher - before the end of term but this is not going to be possible. The control measures we are following in our risk assessment simply do not allow for it. Instead, the teachers will introduce themselves to their new class by digital means (a video on their class website page).

Next week, Virtual Sports Day and the Rufford Park Relay are taking place. Teachers will be leading other active activities in school too. All attending children can come to school in PE/Sports kit for the whole week.

Take care, stay safe and have a good weekend.

Click on your child's class page below to access home learning for next week:

Nursery Reception
Year 3 Willow
Year 5 Oak

Year 1 Pear Year 1/2 Lime
Year 3/4 Cedar
Year 5/6 Ash
Year 5/6 Ash

<u>Year 2 Cherry</u>
<u>Year 4 Beech</u>
<u>Year 6 Maple</u>

Lockdown fundraiser ...

Two children from school have been busy keeping active whilst raising money for Chester Zoo. Zack and Elliot raised £325 by completing 50 laps of Yeadon Tarn over 5 days and the recent unsettled weather did not put them off!

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Friends of Rufford Park will be busy raising money next week during the Rufford Park Relay but Y6 wanted to say a 'big thank you' to the committee for paying in full for their Leavers' Hoodies. This 'one-off' contribution was made as a very generous gesture by the Friends this year as they wanted to ensure that Y6 were able to get a hoodie before the end of term.



One of our Y6 safe groups looking smart in the Leavers' Hoodies

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 7 & Wed 8 July: Virtual Sports Day Fri10 July: Friends of Rufford Park Relay Mon13 July: Report collection for N-Y5 details to follow

Tues14 July: Y6 Leavers' Event and report collection - details to follow

Wed 15 July: New Reception Starters Event - details to follow

Fri17 July: Final day of the academic year