



Dear Parents,

We hope you had a good Easter! We've a number of families stuck abroad in far-off places but they will hopefully be making their way back soon. Unlike some other schools we've not been too badly hit by staff being unable to return, so are almost back to normal. However, Carey, our indispensable secretary is in South Africa, probably until the middle of next week. We are coping as best we can, but do bear with us in the meantime, as the woman who knows everything is very far away and no navy ship can reach her to bring her back to us! To add to our difficulties our school computer server has bitten the dust, so we have only very limited email access and can only print from two machines. It'll take us at least a week to get a new one installed, and during that time may lose email communication and all other forms of dealing with life electronically so do accept our apologies in advance for any inconvenience that's going to cause! We're hoping we can get this letter printed/emailed before the limited system we've got working today topples over!

### **Staff news**

We're delighted to welcome back Mrs Marlow from maternity leave, who is working in Y1/2. Mrs Heath has started working in Reception, and Mrs Hobart and Mrs Northfield are starting as a TA and a midday supervisor respectively. We still have a vacancy for a midday supervisor, and it's the best time of year to be one! If you fancy spending an hour each day enjoying the sunshine with our lovely children at lunchtime, do contact us.

### **PE kits**

We will obviously be doing as much PE as possible outside this term, so can you please ensure your children have suitable kit in school, especially footwear.

### **Golden Mornings**

Our Golden mornings this half term have an international feel as we are going to be looking at a range of countries who are involved in the World Cup. We will be finding out about their culture, traditions, food, festivals, geography, etc. The nations we are studying are France, Germany, USA, Nigeria, Argentina, Brazil, Portugal, Italy, South Africa, Ghana, Japan, Australia, Korea and Greece. If you have any artefacts, or first-hand knowledge of any of these places and would be prepared to share this with us do let us know!

### **Y1/2**

**Star-Gazing** - We were hoping to do this tomorrow evening as we have clear skies, unlike at the end of last term, and the Moon, Saturn and Mars are in the right positions to be visible. However, when we looked at the night sky last night, and how late sunset was, it's just too light until gone 9 o'clock and this is too far beyond small people's bedtimes, so we'll have to admit defeat!

**Children's baby pictures.** Many thanks to those who have brought in baby pictures, we'd love to have more! Please label them carefully, one baby does look like another!

### **Reception**

As our current topic is All Around the World if you have any pictures of your child in another country do send them in to Miss Williams.

### **SATs**

Just a reminder that SATs week for the Y6 pupils is the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>. We will still be doing them for those of you wondering about what might be happening following the news of the possible boycott by teaching unions. Mrs French is the only member of the NAHT and is waiting for advice from her union, but however much we disagree with them in principle, pulling the plug on them now when children have been working so hard is unreasonable... We live in hope for a fairer system next year, depending on a new government... maybe....

### **Fruit/snack scheme for KS2**

We are going to try to get this underway again this term, and hopefully can get a letter out about it this week, depending on our computer issues at present!