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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, staff, Governors, Friends and Neighbours of the School,

We loved seeing more of our children this week albeit just for one day (Years 2 and 5). We are constantly reviewing arrangements making plans and communicating with you as things change. We hope you found the 'Phased Return Update for All Parents' posted earlier this week useful. We will add updates as anything changes to the current arrangements. Some of the information below is very important regarding dates so please take note.

Year 6 Provision

The current two days a week arrangements for Year 6s, which are going so well, **will finish at the end of Friday 10th July**. This will allow us the space and capacity to be in a position to invite Year 3s and Year 4s back into school for a day in safe bubbles during the week 13th – 17th July. The Year 6s who are preparing for leaving us, will be invited to be in school for part of Friday 17th July for a Leaver's Event of some kind. We have some possible ideas but these will be dependent on what further easing of lockdown and social distancing may happen before then. We will inform you as soon as we are able to finalise a plan.

End of Term

For all other groups using school, **the term will finish at the end of the day on Friday 17th July** now rather than lunchtime on Tuesday 21st.

Key Worker Provision

Thank you key workers for entrusting your precious children to us during the lock down when, like school staff, you have not been able to stay safe at home but have given your all to keep the various vital sectors open – NHS, childcare, teaching, social work, undertaking etc. Your gratitude and support to us has been much appreciated. **Key worker childcare provision will also finish at the end of the day on Friday 17th July for the summer**. We await further guidance and to see what happens as to whether this provision will be in place again in September if schools are not able to fully open at that time.

Year 4s and Year 3s

With limited physical space, a small group of staff and complicated school layout to manage, we are as yet, under current restrictions and social distancing requirements, unable to have more year groups in school. But we do very much want to see our Year 3s and 4s. We propose Monday 13th July for a day in school for Year 4s and Wednesday 15th July for a day in school for Year 3s. The same safety measures and safe bubbles approach that we are using for other groups would still be in place. We will contact you and give more details nearer the time but for now we just wanted to alert you to the dates so that you can pencil them on your calendars.

Reminder of Cancelled Inset Day – The planned inset day for Friday 3rd July will no longer take place and school will be open as usual for the current Friday groups.

Parents are welcome in our school

News from Groups in School

Key Worker – this week our topic has been Inventors and Inventions. We found out about important historical inventions and used our imaginations to draw and describe our own crazy fantasy inventions. We then explored paper engineering, K'nex, and cogs and used this learning in our designs for a marble run. These were great fun to make and evaluate.

Foundation Stage – This week Robins have been making lots of volcanoes. We've painted them and drawn them and even started to make a papier mache one! We have also collaged an enormous dinosaur! We have written our own 'We're going on a dinosaur hunt' story maps. In maths we have been exploring 2s – counting in 2s, finding out how many are in bigger numbers and starting to talk about odd and even numbers. On Thursday we did lots of puddle painting with powder paints outside! Ducklings have been enjoying playing and their new dinosaur books and stories.

Finches – this week in maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction using number lines. In English we have looked at contractions (e.g. can't, won't, isn't) and we have written an advertisement for our circus. We have also had great fun tie dying T-shirts which look amazing and making wire sculptures of circus performers.

Year 2 – The children really enjoyed their day and Miss K and Mel were very pleased to see so many of them. We practised our adding. Our mini topic is the Circus and we read Paddington at the Circus. Miss K says we all worked hard.

Year 5 – Mrs Nash and Mrs Harry were delighted to see the children. We have explored some of the stories written by Shaun Tan and enjoyed designing some wacky machines!

Kingfishers – The year 6 children have been working hard at various maths challenges. They have been enjoying their class books. In science and PSHE they have been learning about how babies are made. One group have finished making their houses with working lights/fans/buzzers and will be passing the electrical equipment on to the other group to use next week. All the children have begun writing their leaver's speeches.

Finally, please don't forget to get involved with next weekend's New Hinksey Safari fundraiser that is taking place because we can't have a fete this this year. Details on the website Home Page with a link.

We hope everyone has a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Charlotte Haynes