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Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year. I hope you managed to make the most of the good weather over the half-term break and hopefully the sunshine and warmth will continue for a little longer.

Our children have come back to school positive and have quickly settled back into routines. We have lots planned this half-term and I am sure the time will fly by.

COVID-19

As I am sure you have read/heard, there is a new variant of the virus (Delta variant), which is causing concern for the Public Health teams. Cases of the virus are again on the rise across the country and the new variant accounts for around 90% of all cases. The concern is that this variant is even more transmissible, which could lead to large infections in a short period of time. Currently, the infection rate in Hull is low and we have not seen an increase. However, this does not mean that we can relax the measures we have in place. Just to remind parents/carers and visitors to site, face coverings are still compulsory. I know at times they are uncomfortable, especially in the hot weather, but they really help to minimise spread. In addition, please remember to maintain your distance from others whilst on site.

The Government's plans were to ease restrictions further on the 21st June and an announcement will be made on Monday by the Prime Minister about this. This announcement may affect some of the plans we have for this half-term but we will keep you fully updated if this is the case.

Reports

Your child's class report will be sent home to you on Friday 2nd July. We have changed our report format so that you get the information we believe you want to know about. This year has been very different to others so please take this into account when reading the information on there. There will be a date set aside for you to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher, should, you wish to discuss anything in the report.

In addition to the report, you will receive information about which class your child will be in next year and who will be their class teacher.

Weather

Now that we are heading into the summer months and the weather is warming up, please ensure your children come to school with sun-cream, a sun hat and a bottle of water to stay hydrated. There will be lots



of activities done outside this half-term and we need to ensure our children are safe. In addition, if your child has any allergies, please ensure that the office are aware of these.

School Lunches

Since we brought the catering team ‘in house’ and altered our menus, we have seen a considerable increase in the number of children staying hot dinners. This is great to see and the new menus are going down a treat. For those who prefer to send their children with a packed lunch, can I please remind you that we are a ‘healthy eating’ school. As such, children should not be bringing chocolate bars, sweets or fizzy drinks in their lunchboxes. One chocolate with a biscuit base is allowed but anymore than this is too much. We advise that children bring some fruit or vegetable as part of their packed lunch. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Communication with School

We have many ways in which we try to communicate with you: SeeSaw, Marvellous Me, Facebook, Twitter and via letter. We ask that you try to keep as up-to-date as possible with the information we send out. If you have not yet signed up to our online platforms, please contact the school office, who will be able to help.

I would like to remind all parents/carers that any communication with school should be respectful. Staff are here to support your children and they should not be exposed to verbal abuse. If you have any concerns that you want to raise, please follow our flowchart by discussing with the class teacher in the first instance and then the phase leader.

Have a great weekend!

Yours Sincerely,



Stuart Mills
Headteacher