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Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of term rapidly approaches, I just wanted to write with some updates and information.

Zoom class catch ups

These have been really well received and it has been fabulous to see children who are not in school catching up with each other and smiling! We will keep those going until the end of term. Joining details are sent out on Marvellous Me the day before so keep an eye out.

Returning to school in YR, Y1 or Y6

If you would like your child to return to school in these year groups you must contact the school this week in order for them to start by next Monday (6th July) at the latest. We, unfortunately, will not be able to accept any more children in to these year groups after this date.

Accessing key worker provision

If you are a key worker and you need your child to access the school provision, you need to contact the school this week. We will not be able to accept any new key worker children's applications after Friday 3rd July.

School Closure

School will close to YR, Y1 and Y6 on Wednesday 15th July. Staff will be in school on Thursday and Friday ensuring the school has had a safe close down and is ready for the challenges of the September provision.

We will remain open for any key worker children where **there is absolutely no alternative child care**. Please let the school know as soon as possible if you require this provision on 16th and 17th July.

Key worker support

The school's provision for key worker support will cease at the end of term. We will not be open over the summer break for any children.

Reports

The school sent home annual reports for Y1-6 in the Spring Term. Children in Reception will receive their report before the end of term. As the government cancelled all end of year assessments due to COVID 19, there are no end of year results to send home this year. Y6 teachers have been working closely with secondary schools to ensure they have all the information they need.

Hampers and summer support

As you will be aware from the letter sent on Friday, the last hamper will be available for collection on 13th July. This will be a hamper worth £15 (not the normal £30) as it is for one week's lunches only. When you collect your hamper, you will also be given a voucher code. You will be able to use this code on line to receive a supermarket voucher worth £90. This voucher can be used from Monday 20th July until the end of the summer. **Please make sure you collect your hamper or you will miss out on the voucher code and information.**

In this week's hampers, we have also provided the free uniform voucher the school offers to all children registered with benefit related free school meals.

The foodbank has also provided 3 summer vouchers which can be redeemed over the summer. These were also given out with today's hampers.

Transition to new classes

You will be informed of your child's new teacher on Tuesday 7th July.

On Wednesday 8th July, we will have out 'Meet the Teacher' day – although this year it will be a remote version!

Your child's new class teacher will set the learning for that day and they will send a link to a video message to introduce themselves.

We are also creating transition booklets for those children who we feel would benefit and these will be sent home on 7th July too.

September 2020

We are still waiting for the guidance to be issued to schools relating to what schools will look like in September. We do know that the Prime Minister has said that from September school attendance will return to being compulsory. We will update you as soon as we know more.

Staff updates

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Ramos's baby, Lucas, has arrived safe and sound! I am sure you will join me in sending our huge congratulations to Mrs Ramos and her husband.

We are very pleased to be welcoming Miss Gemma Hart to our staffing team to cover Mrs Ramos' maternity leave. She will be introducing herself to her new class on 8th July.

We sadly have two teaching assistants who are moving on. Following a successful secondment, Mrs Eastwood will be joining the Linwood School in September. We wish her our very best wishes in her new role. Mrs Merritt has decided to retire, after 22 years at Somerford! We would like to thank her for this incredible service to the school. We will miss them both and hope they come back and visit!!

Thank you

I wanted to end by saying thank you to you all. You have been patient and understanding with us throughout these unprecedented times. You have recognised that we have always tried to do our best to support you and your children and you have offered any feedback with kindness. So many of you have taken the time to say thank you or to send an email with some kind words and these have genuinely meant so much to us. I know we haven't got it right every step of the way and I am sure we won't as we move forward but knowing you are behind us keeps us going. Thank you.

As ever, you can contact me via the school office email. The school reception is open Monday to Thursday 8.30-3.30 for phone calls.

Best wishes

Helen Frampton
Headteacher