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Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year. It will be an incredibly busy yet exciting time as pupils consolidate their learning, reflect on the year that they have had, and begin to transition to their next year group. Over the next couple of weeks, the staff structure for 2021-2022 will be finalised and which will then be shared with yourselves and the pupils. As we approach the end of term, we will say goodbye to Year 6 who will be moving onto secondary school.

Thank you to all those who attended the Parents' Forum yesterday where you had the opportunity to meet Ms Sayed, the new head teacher who will be taking over from Ms Ashton after 13 years in charge of the school. We will all miss her dearly, but there will be opportunities to say our goodbyes closer to the end of term. Thank you to the parents who were effusive in their praise for Ms Ashton's display of strong leadership and kindness over the years.

Covid19 updates

Monday 21st June was originally earmarked as the date in which the government would proceed with step 4 in the roadmap towards the easing of Covid19 restrictions. The plan was to remove all legal limits on social contact, reopen all remaining premises, and ease the restrictions on large events and performances. However, recent news has suggested that there may be a delay in the implementation of step 4 due to the concerns surrounding the delta variant and the rising number in positive cases. There will be a further announcement on Monday 14th June. In the meantime, please refer to the following website for updated information: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

With the delay to the easing of restrictions in mind, the school will continue to operate as it has done all year with staggered times and working in bubbles. However, we are planning for the resumption of extra-curricular activities, albeit in year group bubbles. We will inform you once plans for these have been agreed.

Assessment

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, all pupils will have started taking part in assessment tests which will go on for a fortnight. The teachers have been busy planning opportunities for pupils to revisit key topics and practice skills that will help them to complete the assessment papers. For the second year in a row, traditional statutory tests have been cancelled in primary schools across the country. However, even though the assessments will not be delivered in the usual fashion, we believe that it is still important for the pupils to experience test conditions, hence the reason for the assessment fortnight. This will help both the pupils and teachers identify areas of strength as well as gaps in their knowledge and understanding. The outcomes from the assessments will only be used internally so that the teachers can plan accordingly for the remainder of the year. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the assessments.



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Weather

Summer has finally arrived in the UK after an unusually cold and wet May! As temperatures soar (and predicted to reach the high 20s next week), please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the hot weather. This includes your child wearing light clothing, a hat outdoors and applying sunscreen for protection. Staff will remind pupils to stay hydrated, but your child must continue to bring a labelled water bottle into school as the shared fountains are still out of use.

RSHE Curriculum

This term, pupils were due to cover the 'Changing Me' topic for RSHE where they would learn about different parts of the body along with changes that will happen inside and outside as they get older. This learning comes under the puberty section of 'Child and Adolescent Body' which is a compulsory part of the curriculum. **Currently, we have decided to postpone this topic until further consultation with parents have taken place. The first meeting will take place next Friday 18th June. You could choose to either attend the 9:30am or 4:30pm meeting.**

In the meantime, for more information, please contact your child's class teacher or look on the school website in the Curriculum/ PSHE section: <https://www.chalkhillprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=RSHE&pid=222>

Upcoming Key Dates

Tuesday 15th June: Parent Coffee morning (all parents)

Wednesday 16th June: Parent Coffee morning (Arabic speakers)

Thursday 17th June: Parent Coffee morning (Romanian speakers)

Friday 18th June: RSHE Curriculum consultation meeting (9:30am and 4:30pm)

Week commencing Monday 21st June: Year 6 transition days at secondary schools (please check your emails)

Friday 25th June: Year 6 Choices and Drug Awareness workshops

Tuesday 29th June: Vancols photographer in school for pupil/ class photos

Week commencing 5th July: Transition mornings for pupils to meet their new class teachers

Friday 16th July: End of term reports

Wednesday 21st July: Year 6 graduation

Thursday 22nd July: End of term (1:30pm finish)

Kind Regards,

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Head of School



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