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To all Parents/Carers,

Hope you and your families are all ok. It's been a busy week in school for one reason or another; not least the announcement by Gavin Williamson that schools will be open to all pupils from September. In case you missed it, here is the news article:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-53253722>

September will come round quickly so the planning for this has already begun. In the same way we did last time for our partial reopening on the 1st June, we will keep you as up to speed as possible. For now though, we are just digesting all the guidance!

Microsoft Teams

Staff had their training on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday and we are just finalising the plans for your child's 'Class Catch Up' on the 8th July and their 'Meet the new teacher' meeting on the 15th July. Please see the other attachment for further details about how to prepare for your meeting, certain rules to follow and when your timeslot is. All of this together should mean you're good to go next week. Here is a short video guide Miss Herriman has put together:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Je7IU0ALQnA>

Stories with your teacher...

As promised a few weeks back, the teaching staff have put together an online library of stories for the children to watch. The links are currently on the website under '[Story Time](#)'. Hopefully this is another way your child can feel connected with school.

YMCA Summer Club

The planning for this is ongoing but some early decisions have already been made:

- The Summer Club will only be for children who attend Markeaton. This will help to maintain a protective bubble;
- A member of YMCA staff will be on site all day to carry out additional cleaning.

Once it has all been finalised YMCA will open up their booking system. More to follow...

Class Picnics and Key Worker/Vulnerable Children Group

Having thought about this throughout the week, and the importance of transition at this time, your child's class picnic will now be for the whole day (10:00am – 3:00pm, with lunch in the middle). The first half of the morning will be spent playing games, getting reacquainted with friends/teachers and the afternoon will be an opportunity for your child to spend some proper time with their teacher next year. All of it will still happen outside and there will be a gazebo (six in total) for each of the bubbles to make it feel more like a classroom (and in case it rains!).

In order to staff this accordingly it does mean that the Key Worker/Vulnerable children group will have to end on Friday 17th July so that we have more adults to supervise the picnics. On the flip side though, any child who is currently in the Key Worker/Vulnerable Children group will be able to take part in the picnics without having to be segregated in their own bubble/separate area of the field. It also worth remembering that if your child is in the Key Worker/Vulnerable Children group and in an eligible year group (FS2, Y1 and Y6) then they can come in for two days in the classroom during that last week.

Here is a reminder of the picnic days:

Date	Time	Your child's current teacher	Your child's teacher next year who they will spend their transition afternoon with
Monday 20 th July	10:00am-3:00pm	Y2 Miss Gamble	Miss Waller
Monday 20 th July	10:00am-3:00pm	Y2 Mrs Smith	Miss Clarke
Tuesday 21 st July	10:00am-3:00pm	Y3 Miss Clarke	Mrs Clayton
Tuesday 21 st July	10:00am-3:00pm	Y3 Miss Hawley	Miss Hughes
Thursday 23 rd July	10:00am-3:00pm	Y4 Mrs Clayton	Miss Hawley
Thursday 23 rd July	10:00am-3:00pm	Y4 Miss Hughes	Mr Holmes
Friday 24 th July	10:00am-3:00pm	Y5 Miss Waller	Miss Herriman
Friday 24 th July	10:00am-3:00pm	Y5 Mr Holmes	Mrs Edge

Y6 Leavers

- Year Six Leavers – this plan is fully in motion with staff and parents/carers devising a proper send off! Last I heard there were hoodies being ordered (kindly organised by parents once again), a class photo (socially distanced of course) and an ice cream van!

All sounds very exciting!

Reports

And lastly, your child's end of year report will be sent out next Friday. In many ways it looks the same as previous years but the school closure has meant that end of year judgements, as we normally would, have not been included (this is in line with government guidance). Another difference this year is that your report will be emailed to you.

Before I go, one more message: <https://vimeo.com/435101139>

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr I. Johnson