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Dear Parents,

Who turned the sun off? We don't appear to be able to know what weather is coming our way from one day to the next, but we have our fingers crossed that more summer sun will soon be with us! Sun safety remains a priority, particularly in extreme conditions, but please can we ask that children arrive at school creamed and ready for the day.

Transition Arrangements

In my last newsletter I explained that all schools were prioritising transition arrangements. Since writing that we have recently seen a significant rise in Covid cases in the Mole Valley and Surrey and now have surge testing in Reigate and Banstead, so unfortunately once again we are working with a moving target. Although on **29th June** our year 2 leavers will not be spending the day at their new school, we will continue to have our in-school '**Moving Up Day.**' Children will be given the chance to experience their new classrooms and we will be welcoming our new Reception intake for a short outdoor visit on that day. Our year 2's will get the chance to play again in Hedgehogs classroom!

This year we are sadly saying goodbye to a few staff members that are dear to our heart. **Mrs Martin**, after many years of dedicated service to the school has made the decision to move to another job that allows her to spend more time with her family. She is incredibly sad to leave our school and will leave with many fond memories and the knowledge that she has led the establishment of our amazing MOLES learning and made our outside spaces places to envy. Her love for the great outdoors was infectious and we will miss her calm and serene influence. We cannot thank her enough for what she has done and we are thrilled that she has offered to keep popping back to help us maintain this valued part of our curriculum. **Mrs Priestley** will continue to lead the early years team and will be joined by **Mrs Lloyd**, a very experienced early years teacher who is currently working in our partner school, St. Michaels's of Mickleham, so she is very familiar with small village infant schools and already feels like part of our

family. **Mrs Llewellyn** will also continue to support the early years team.

Mrs Tinmouth has also sadly made the decision to leave the teaching profession for a while to focus on her young family. Not only has she been an amazing Year 1 teacher but she has also helped us to make sure our Maths and computing is up to scratch. Her enthusiasm and energy has been an absolute joy to be around, she will be missed. We are pleased to welcome **Mrs Langthorne** who will be joining Mrs Denyssen in the year 1 team. She is an experienced infant teacher with a passion for phonics and science so will fit in perfectly. **Mrs Finn** and **Mrs Tomkins** will complete the team.

And finally, **Miss Jones** is returning to her beloved Wales after giving us the pleasure of her company whilst Mrs Cleather explored her new role. She did ask if we could move the school to Wales but I'm afraid that would cause all sorts of issues! Although it has only been a year, it has been a very eventful one and we thank you for making it go so smoothly with our Year 2 leaders. **Miss Haydon** has been appointed as our new Year 2 teacher and many of the children still remember her from her teaching session in year 1 as part of her interview. She wowed us and has already started to build relationships by volunteering for 2 days each week for the rest of this term! As a sports fanatic and outdoor lover, she will be taking on the mantle of leading our PE. She will be joined by **Mrs Rennles**, **Mrs Holt-Miller**, **Mrs Woods** and **Mrs McGinnis**.

We wish all of our departing staff best wishes as they venture into new territories. You will all be missed and we thank you for your dedication over many years, but particularly the last unprecedented year!

Leaver's Service

We are still planning to hold our **Leaver's Service** on Thursday 15th July at 1.30 p.m. This will be for parents of Year 2 children only and will be all held outside with social distancing in place. Right now it is hard to predict what the weather will be like, but we wanted to prepare you for the eventuality of bad weather getting in the way of our plans as we will not be able to hold an alternative indoor service. We will aim to make the decision the day before to avoid any disruption. Fingers crossed! Just in case of poor weather or new guidance, we are filming our practices and will be able to share that with you all to treasure.

Covid information

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With rising cases of the Delta variant our protective measures will remain as important as ever. We will continue to take our usual approach to any Covid-related symptoms for children, family members and staff.

If your child shows any symptoms they should be kept at home and a full PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test must be taken immediately. **Please note we are only able to accept the results of these PCR tests to confirm a negative,** lateral flow tests (LFTs) that are now available for everybody to use at home are only used to detect possible asymptomatic cases.



If your child has been off school due to Covid related issues please can you make sure that you discuss their return with office staff before taking them to their classroom. This will help us to make sure that we minimise any confusion.

Farm Day

Thank you so much for your support for our virtual farm day. Whilst we acknowledge it was a very different experience than our usual trip, we were really pleased to give the children the opportunity to immerse themselves in our topic. They all really loved the live sessions and learned a lot from the experts that led it, the picnic lunch was also a great success and we are still clearing up the mess made by the hay bales!

Miss Jones has asked me to let you know that she has managed to buy 8 glockenspiels and some 'Boomwhackers' with the money raised through World Book Day and Year 2 have purchased some classroom toys for play with the money they raised selling their newspapers at Bob's shop.



Stay well and safe.
Paula Bliss



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