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## Newsletter 12

Dear Parents,

We have now come to the end of our academic year, a year that will be remembered in history! A year like no other year in our living memory.

We have spent the last 3 days reviewing our risk assessment and learning how to best support children's well-being, reconnect our community and continue to build resilience and capacity for the future, whatever it may bring.

I would like to thank the staff for facing this enormous challenge with their usual commitment and professionalism, and all of our families who have continued to support learning at home. We will be taking the time to rest and rejuvenate ready for our brand-new school year, we hope you will be able to do the same.

For those staff, children and families who are leaving us we wish you well, you will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

### Be safe rule

As you know we have introduced a new bee rule, 'be safe.' This rule has focussed on social distancing, hand washing and sneezing/coughing safely. As we cannot predict how the pandemic will affect the world in the next few weeks, there is a possibility that we will be asking parents to wear face masks as they drop off and pick up so they can be safe, and most certainly children will be more likely to see adults wearing masks out and about. We are attaching a link to a few resources that we think would be useful for you to use to help children understand why this is happening and reduce any possible anxiety related to this new rule. There are many more available for you to choose from, but these appear to be the most age appropriate:

**Our value this half-term  
is love & compassion.**



**We show love and  
compassion for  
each other.**

*John 15:12*

*Love each other as I have  
loved you.*

<https://paautism.org/resource/wearing-mask-social-story/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLO1GNXKmNE>

### Swimming Pool

Thank you for supporting the re-opening of the swimming pool, Keep using it through the summer and hopefully FONS can cover their costs and we can all have a great time!

### Well-being

I am sending home a few summer well-being activities with this letter. There is no expectation that they will be completed, but we wanted to provide some ideas for those families that found similar activities helpful.

### P.E Kits

We will be asking children to come to school in their PE kits on the days that they have a PE lesson. Please can you be ready to look out for this information, this will include wearing black leggings or track suit bottoms on colder days.

We have not put any dates in our diary this year other than the following INSET days as it does not seem appropriate at this moment:

Tuesday 1st September 2020  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**Stay well and safe.  
See you in September!**

**Paula Bliss**