

21st June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to Summer Term 2 we have had! All the children returned from their two week break looking refreshed and many said they were able to enjoy the lovely weather we had over the extended half term break. As you will know from your child's class weekly newsletters, and if you follow us on Twitter or Facebook, you will have seen that we started the term with a fabulous visit from Daisi, a not-for-profit arts education organisation creating and promoting inspiring artistic and cultural experiences which enable more children to access art. The artist working with teachers inspired further art opportunities throughout the week.

We also had a virtual workshop from African Ark where the children heard about Bemma's African culture, listening to traditional African stories and singing African songs. These opportunities for children to experience creative and multicultural experiences support our enriched curriculum.

We were also able to get outside and to have some of our P.E lessons at the park and MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) with our P.E. specialist from Spires College, Mrs Stanley. Again the opportunities to support our children's physical development are equally as important as their academic development.

We are excited to be involved in our very own Rainbow Run on Wednesday that will be supported by Mrs Stanley in the children's P.E. lessons. The children are invited to wear something colourful and we will be getting fit whilst supporting Children's Hospice South West, a very well deserving cause. If we can bring in all donations by Friday 25th June that would be much appreciated. We are very proud of our children for constantly wanting to support others, showing our Christian value of Compassion.

The children have been busy with some assessments in class to ensure we know what to focus on this half term in order to get them ready for their next class (or next school in the case of our Year 6's!) We are ensuring that children are having any additional support that they may need this half term so they are able to access the curriculum in the next stage of their education, living our vision of, 'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'.

The teachers are busy writing the children's end of year reports and celebrating another unprecedented year! These will be available for parents on Friday 9th July and can be discussed in our virtual Parent Consultations that will be taking place in the week beginning 12th July.

We had hoped, along with the rest of the country, that today would mark the end of Covid-19 restrictions. However with the increased spread of the new Delta Variant and numerous schools having to close around Devon we will be continuing with all of our Risk Assessment measures to ensure we are limiting the risk to the children, staff and the community.

We are continuing to work in bubbles and we have all our meetings virtually where possible. We will be having our parent consultations virtually as we have had throughout this year. We had



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hoped to be able to invite parents to school events however again with our current Risk assessment we will sadly not be able to do this.

Mrs Stanley will be arranging for the children to be able to participate in fun sports day activities in their classes and we will be counting up the points to see which house has won this year. It is important to us that our Year 6 children are involved as much as possible and they will be planning the events with Mrs Stanley. The children will have certificates for attending and we will of course ensure we have plenty of photos for us to share with you and most importantly the children will be making memories together with their friends.

Thank you as always for our wonderful PTFA who had begun to plan a Summer Fair. Although we won't be able to have a Summer Fair this year the PTFA continue to support treats for the children and I know they very much appreciate your support with fundraising. This year PTFA have paid for wet play box's, provided arts and crafts at Christmas and a special treat for the Year 6 leavers.

Our Year 6 will have leaver's events that we will be able to invite parents to virtually as well as many treats in school. Thank you Mrs Cuff for organising the leavers hoodies that the children are able to wear on Fridays and for the last few weeks of school. Although their visits to secondary schools have been cancelled, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Year 6 team are working closely with the schools to ensure information is shared with the staff at the new schools and with our children and parents.

Thank you for your support and patience as we navigate this school year. The parent support has been overwhelming and we have never had any issues with parent's supporting our Risk Assessments and for that I am very grateful. We have been very lucky to have managed to avoid bubble closures so far and with your support I hope that we can continue to keep everyone safe and well and be able to go through the next 5 weeks and into the Summer holidays safely.

This will be my final half term at All Saints Marsh and I am working closely with Mrs Secker so that she is able to take the reins as your new Head of Academy in September. I am looking forward to a productive and happy end of year with lots of fun and learning involved!

Do please get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Best Wishes

Mrs Edwards