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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope your weekend was good and that you managed to enjoy some of yesterday's sunshine. I did not write on Friday because I wrote last Wednesday. I am writing again today.

New Staff

We have been joined by Ms Salih and Miss Kaur, who are teaching in Y1 and Y4 respectively. We also have a new caretaker, Mr Roberts – whom the children are invited to call Mr Peter.

COVID 19

The Government published a further update at the very end of the holiday. In light of this, the children will again wash their hands when they come into their classroom first thing in the morning, and again when they leave for home. They will of course continue to do so too after going to the bathroom or eating lunch.

If any member of the school community displays one or more of the three core symptoms, they must go home in order to register for a PCR test.

I will put together a Question and Answer guide to all the new rules, once I am absolutely sure of them!

Fire Drill

One of the first things we did on our return to school on Friday was hold a Fire Drill. The school was evacuated in 4 minutes 14 seconds. The children were magnificent.

Earrings

May I politely remind you that we do not allow children to wear earrings in our school.

Paperless School

As part of our drive to become paperless where we can, we have now introduced 'Go-Read', our online reading record book. Please let me know how you are finding them by emailing me at gary.nott@redbridge.gov.uk – I realise this is a significant change and I would be very interested to hear your views.

Bicycle and Scooter Rack

We have given parents till this Friday to submit their requests to use the rack. We will look at these next week and the rack will be in use from Monday 20th September.

Communication with Home

I am delighted to say that our teaching staff have responded very positively to a recent request from me to make themselves available to discuss any questions, concerns or suggestion pertaining to life in their particular year group. You will be able to access these discussions via Google Classrooms on a Wednesday evening between 4.00 and 4.30pm. This will start from Wednesday 15th September.

I do hope you welcome this development.

Father Martin

As you will know, Father Martin leaves the parish at the end of this month. The Parish Council are accepting monetary donations in order to present him with a cheque on his departure. If you would like to contribute, then please leave your money in an envelope at the back of the church. Thank you.

Parent/ Teacher Consultations

I received a lovely email from a parent asking if would still be possible to see their child's classroom and view their work now that we are moving permanently to holding parent/ teacher consultations by video link. I realise that this will be important to parents and I will try to arrange for this to happen.

PE Timetables

Mrs Roberts has informed me that Y5 and Reception have had to change their PE days. My apologies.

Moving forward, I will be leading a school assembly each Monday at 2.00 pm with the children joining me in the school hall; and, I will also join each class via Google Classrooms at 3.00pm each Friday in order to wish the children a lovely weekend.

I am available on each day of the week to meet with parents via Teams, should you have a question, suggestion, query or concern. Please contact the Office so that a time can be arranged and a meeting link will be sent to you.

Have a great week

God Bless

Gary