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Dear Parent/Carer

The last five weeks have flown by and rather than send a weekly newsletter, we have focused on the homework letters. However, I would now like to bring you up to date with how things are progressing overall in school as follows:

- ✦ The children have settled in really well and are working hard to catch up with their learning.
- ✦ It is wonderful to have the school full again and hear the sound of children back in the building.
- ✦ Behaviour is very good, both in attitude to learning and social behaviour around school.
- ✦ Revised routines in classrooms, corridors and playgrounds are being observed successfully.
- ✦ Our two new teachers, Mr L Berry (Y3) and Mrs Clayton (Nursery), have been welcomed into their new roles within our team.
- ✦ The staggered drop-off and collection times are working well, even when it is raining!
- ✦ I really do thank you for trying your best to observe social distancing at the start and end of the day.
- ✦ Homework routines are working well - thank you for your co-operation with these important tasks.
- ✦ Thank you also for your quick responses to our data check, medical questionnaire and IT survey. A few responses are still outstanding so please send them in as soon as possible.
- ✦ Attendance is good under the current circumstances. We do understand that many children have had the usual colds at this time of year but things are settling down now. Please remember to telephone before 09:00 to let us know if your child will not be attending.
- ✦ We appreciate advance notice of medical or other appointments. Letters about these can be handed to a member of staff at the gate so that we can take a photocopy for our records.
- ✦ I am sure you are aware of the local lockdown guidance across Birmingham. Please abide by the lockdown procedures to help limit the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Children should not be visiting each others' houses nor playing outside together. We are back to being in our own household bubble.

Please remember not to leave the house except to access a test if you or your child develop any symptoms of Covid-19: the information below is taken from the NHS website:

- a new, continuous cough ie coughing for more than an hour or 3 or more severe coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a new, consistently high temperature: you may feel hot to touch on your chest/back
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything or things may smell/taste different from normal

Most people with Covid-19 have at least one of these symptoms.

If you have any of the main symptoms of Covid-19:

- book a test as soon as possible (NHS.UK or call NHS 119)
- **STAY AT HOME** and do not have visitors until receive your test result.
- **ONLY LEAVE YOUR HOME TO ACCESS A TEST.**
- anyone living with you or in your support bubble must also stay at home until you receive your result

As I am sure you will understand, we are not able to arrange the usual parent consultation sessions this term. However, class teachers will be sending you a brief written update about your child shortly before half term.

If you have any concerns, please e-mail us or speak to myself or Miss McGrath at the gate.

Dear Lord,

At this time of pandemic,

Let us foster respect and solidarity with others, especially those who are weak or poor.

Let us remain calm and ignore unsubstantiated rumours.

Let us take advantage of living together as a family.

Let us attend to moments of prayer.

Let us cultivate responsibility, patience and hope.

Amen.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

