

The Archer

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DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

COVID-19

Sadly, we have had to isolate three classes in the last week following positive COVID cases. When we do this, we are acting on Public Health England advice. I completely understand and share the frustration of parents and children who are impacted by such closures. However, I do not have the autonomy to override PHE's direction, or to implement my own measures. Hopefully, this will shortly be a thing of the past and we can return to relative normality. I can assure you the last 15/16 months have been the most stressful time for the staff and myself. I am sure this is mirrored across the Wentworth family.

OPEN EVENINGS

Bookings opened on Monday 28th June with appointments available for Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July. Once again, we have had to organise this as a virtual event due to the COVID regulations.

Appointments are managed by a third party and are timed out after 10 minutes, so please ensure you log in on time.

The purpose of the open evening is to provide you with the key messages around your child's achievements and areas for development from the end of year report. Please do not enter into discussions relating to your child's next class teacher as this information will be forwarded separately.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of year reports will be distributed by pupil post on Friday 9th July. Along with the report, you will be given details of your child's new teacher.

The reports for Years 2 and 6 will not include any SAT's data as a result of the cancellation of national tests this year. Similarly, due to the disrupted school year, there will not be any attendance data.

MEET THE TEACHER – TUESDAY 13TH JULY

The children will be spending part of the morning with their new teacher as part of their transition arrangements.

CLASS ORGANISATION

From September, we will be fully expanded with three classes in each year group and vertical grouping completely unnecessary. This means we will not be re-organising classes on a yearly basis, they will move up in their current entity. The only exceptions to this are at the end of Foundation Stage if there is an imbalance between the classes or if an individual child has to move as a result of specific special educational needs. If this is the case, the move will be discussed with parents.

STAFFING CHANGES

Sadly, we say farewell to Mrs Bowater, Mrs Button and Mrs Cooper at the end of term. We thank them for their long service and commitment to the children and parents of our school and wish them long, happy and healthy retirements.

We welcome Miss Singh and Miss Boreham to our teaching staff along with Miss Finch as a trainee. I know you will make them welcome.

SPORTS DAY

As explained in my last newsletter, we will be holding our sports days on Wednesday 14th July. Sadly, we are not able to have parents attend these events due to the strict nature of the COVID guidelines we are currently working under. Please ensure your child has their PE kit with house colour t/shirt, black or white shorts, white sports socks or not socks, black or white trainers.

SEPTEMBER 2021

We are waiting for updated Government guidance regarding our operating arrangements for September. This guidance is expected as part of the wider announcements on 19th July. Once this is received and reviewed, I will write to you during the holidays to set our start and end times, entry points etc.