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## Transition Plans

Dear Parents and Carers,

### In School Update

We have had a good week in school and welcomed more children back. We are up to 163 children. Just a reminder once the children are back in school we need them to be here every day as the lessons build on each other and the children will be at a disadvantage if they miss any.

Some more of our Year 2 children will be joining a new Bubble from Monday and we welcome Mrs Arnell back to the teaching team working in school.

As we continue to welcome more children back into school we need to amend plans. Drop off plans: Years 6, 5, R, 1 as they have been. Year 2 to be dropped at the dining room doors at 8.50 am. Years 3 and 4 to go around the back of the building to the side doors (the same doors as before lock down) also 8.50 am.

### Transition Arrangements

Normally we have a move up morning where all the children meet their new teachers. This was timetabled for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, but this is not possible this year due to working in bubbles and not all children being in school.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July we will be sending out your child's school report. Within the report you will be notified of who your child's teacher is for next academic year.

### Years 1 – 5

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July we are offering an outdoor picnic session on the field for the children in Years 1 – 5 to say good-bye to their current teacher and say hello to their new teacher. We will assume all the children currently in school will attend, but we would like to invite all of our home learners in too. The time of the picnic and meet the teacher will be 12.30 pm until 1.30 pm. The plan is weather dependent of course. The home learning children will need to bring their own picnic and be in school uniform please.

### Current Year 6

To facilitate this plan our current Year 6 will need to go home at lunchtime on the Thursday at 12 pm. We normally have an assembly, amongst other things, for our Year 6 Leavers which will not be possible this year, so instead we would like to invite all of our Year 6 children in on the morning of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July to receive a small gift and join in with some fun activities and say good bye to their classmates and teachers.

### New to Reception Transition

We have planned a session for each of our new starters to come and visit the school and meet their new teachers. The sessions are on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 9.30 – 11.00 am and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 9.30 – 11.00am. Your child's class teacher will email you which session your child will be attending.

More details will be released in Next week's newsletter.

## Bubbles

Following further DfE guidance we feel comfortable to move the number of children per bubble from 12 to 15.

## Library and Reading Books

We have reached the time of year where we start to re-collect our library and reading books. Normally we remind the children about this. I am aware many children are still working at home so please can you ask the children and check book bags to ensure our book stock is back in school?

## Amazing Writing

Some of our children have taken part in the 500 words competition. 500 Words: Black Lives Matter comes after the 500 Words competition celebrated its tenth anniversary this month with the final of this year's competition. Now, Chris Evans has announced there will be another competition for children aged 5-13 from all ethnicities and backgrounds to submit pieces of 'creative writing expressing personal experience, empathy, learning and respect, building on the international conversation around Black Lives Matter.' The judging panel will consist of Angellica and Michael who will be joined by former Children's Laureate Malorie Blackman OBE, actor, comedian and author Charlie Higson, children's author Francesca Simon, and screenwriter and novelist Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

At the back of this newsletter you will find two children's work using the title, "Black Lives Matter." You will see why we are proud of Crystal and Mylea!

## MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Sausage Roll	Cheese and Tomato Whirl	Vegetable Pasty	Fishfinger filled Baguette
Filled Baguette				
Carrot and Cucumber Sticks				
Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water	Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water	Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water	Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water	Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water

## Walking Challenge

Until the end of the month Cooper and Ben, along with little sister Lacey, are raising money for homeless link. A charity chosen by Ben to help the homeless. To do this, they will be walking a total (possibly more) of 30 miles in the month of July.

They have a just giving link if anyone wants to be kept updated with their progress, photos and updates will be added

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/30milesinJuly>



## Reception Sports Day

On Wednesday the Reception children, both at home and in school, took part in their own Sports Day. At school we did running races, an obstacle course, water challenges and balancing races. At home the children took part in egg and spoon races, star jumps, stork challenges, running races, throwing challenges, obstacle courses and even some ladder and rope climbing.

Even though it wasn't the Sports Day we usually enjoy, we all had lots of fun!



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### Summer Reading Challenge

We have discovered a fabulous on-line reading platform called 'OxfordOwl' - have a look at: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>. It has a wide range of ebooks available free of charge and is simple to use.

Just go to the website and click on 'Join Us'. Fill in the easy to follow form and you will be sent a confirmation email.

We will send home a Reading Record Chart, for you to complete as you go, and look forward to seeing your choice of books and your opinions of them, when we return in September. There will be stickers and rewards for completing the challenge.

Happy summer reading!

### Healthy Snacks

Please can we remind parents that fruit should be sent into school as a breaktime snack. Please do not send in unhealthy snacks like crisps, chocolate bars etc. Thank you. Free fruit for Reception and KS1 children will resume in September.

**SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE**

### Positive Quote

*Respect people's feelings. Even if it doesn't mean anything to you. It could mean everything to them.*

Best wishes,

**Samantha Sillito**  
**Headteacher**

Dear diary,

You now belong to Polly Popkin I hope we can be friends as I have to trust you to keep my secrets safe. Let me tell you when I first heard of it so that what I tell you later make sense otherwise you (even though I suspect you are very smart) might get very confused.

It was Friday and as I woke the smell of roses (my window was open) filled my nose while I switched my TV on to check the time (it was 8:30) I flicked to the news channel (I know the news?) I don't like the news but mum says it's good to keep up with what's going on in the world. I was shocked, outraged and slightly confused so I read the headline it said 'white person unfairly kills person of colour'.

So you can see why I felt this what added to this was that my best friend at school (called Lu Lu) is black and I don't know why anyone would treat her different to me it is Just WRONG.

Going to school I learnt from Lu Lu that people were protesting about it. I agreed that they should. They should let the world now how they feel or nothing will ever change. Then I carried on with the same boring lessons.

Which brings me to now. (Saturday) Lu Lu have a plan to help we are going to sneak out of school and talk to the Queen.

Now diary you may be wondering how an Earth we created this wonderful plan, it started in our art lesson when Lu Lu( as always) had finished her painting long before everyone else and started working on the plan. At first she had it in her head that we would just go to the Prime Minister but I told her we should go to Queen in Buckingham palace because she was more important than him. Lu Lu agreed and immediately changed it then I got told of for talking by Mr Hyperworth so I left it up to Lu Lu.

At the end of school she showed me the plan it went something like this,

Make a presentation on how some people are treating other people in a mean way because of how they look

Get all of our pocket money and any spare money together

Buy two tickets to London

Get a bus to the Palace

Talk to the Queen

Show our presentation

On Sunday we carried out our plan, the London Underground was old and smelly and we almost didn't have enough money for the bus. Eventually we got to Buckingham Palace. Sneakily, we crept off from the tour and found the Queen she wasn't very happy to see us until we showed her the poster then she listened to us very politely Lu Lu spoke first then we spoke together our message was clear **black lives matter.**

**By Mylea**

Tap, tap. Birds pecked on her window. It awoke her, suddenly, and turned her upright in her black and white, plainly coloured bed. As she arose, her jet black, luscious locks bounced harmlessly off of her shoulders. Her little brown eyes quickly searched the room, checking for anything unusual. Cream walls surrounded her, and birch wardrobes never had even the tiniest bit of cloth hanging out. It was neat, with gardening pots filled with bunches of flowers, and shoes tucked tidily under her bed, almost unseen. She drew her blankets away, carefully. She brushed a strand of ebony hair out of her vision, reached onto her side table and grabbed a sea foam green hair band. Using the tips of her fingers, she gingerly picked it up, and tied her hair backwards into an orderly ponytail. Reaching and stretching, her toes touched the smooth carpet. She picked herself up, and looked in her mirror. Staring back at her, she saw a thin, fragile little black body. Being African, she was always accused of her looks, her personality, and her name. They told her that she was robbing the white. That was what they thought was right. Engraved on her mirror was her name, and her own motto she had written on it. It read

*“Eleanor Jones: **Change the Future, Not the Past**”*

“Ella,” Her mother called from downstairs, while frying a perfect egg. “Are you ready for school?” Eleanor heard her, and hurried with great care (if that’s possible) around her exemplary bedroom. She pushed her straps off of her shoulders and pulled her blue “Silly Strings” T-Shirt over her head. Quickly, she tidied herself up, put on her school uniform and folded her other clothes into a nifty pile. Next thing she knew, she was on her way to school with a half-full belly.

*A few years later*

“And the next Prime Minister of the UK is...” Bellowed the man. Eleanor had tried for years and years to become Prime Minister, because everyone around her had always told her that she would be amazing, as she always shared her opinions and made great decisions. She also knew what it was like to have peoples lack of faith. All of a sudden, another man (About 4,8) walked on stage, with a piece of paper in his gnarly hands. He passed the piece to the first man, who was in a proper business suit. “Eleanor Jones, would you please step up here?” She looked around at everyone else. Whispers were heard. “Her? But she’s coloured...” Another made a gagging sound, almost like they were vomiting. The only people that weren’t ill-mannered were her own family. They gave her a quick thumbs up, turned around and walked off to buy something to eat. Slowly, she clambered up the wooden steps, trying not to trip and embarrass herself. They glared at her. She stood up in front of all the sneering faces and said, “Thank you, I will change the UK.” Tap, tap.

**By Crystal**