



Newsletter 26th June 2020

On Monday there was a government announcement which detailed a number of ways restrictions are being lifted, none of these relate specifically to schools; we are still required to have children in 'bubbles' which are much smaller than the usual class size. This is the main reason we have not been able to have more children in school in recent time, however we know many parents would like their children to return and the results of the survey we sent out last week confirmed this.

We have reviewed the responses to the survey and have created a plan which will enable all children whose parents want them to return to come into school for a small number of days, with children who are key workers who need childcare being given more time. We have updated our risk assessment and on Tuesday the governing body approved the plans.

This means that 73% of children at the infants and nursery and 79% of children at the juniors will be in school at some point in the last three days. Due to the restrictions in place, it takes far more staff to cover this number of children than it would in normal times, so we have virtually all staff in school for the last three weeks. It is not possible for staff to maintain Seesaw as well as working with the children who are in school, so parents who are using Seesaw and have children at home in the last three weeks will notice some differences. While there will be work still uploaded, staff will no longer be responding to comments and marking work. I appreciate that this is not ideal, but running Seesaw takes hours of teachers' time each week and I need to consider what is a reasonable workload for teachers. Other than this Seesaw will continue to function largely as before. Blog posts will no longer be approved by teachers. Out of the thousands of blog posts teachers have approved so far, not a single one has been inappropriate, so we no longer think manual approval is necessary.

A few pointers about the end of the school year: It is usually the case that we finish an hour early on the last day of term, however this won't happen this year. It is also the case that you would normally receive an end of year school report. This is not easily done this year as some of the children have had little time in school. A key part of the reports are the end of year assessments, but as we don't think it's appropriate for children to spend what little time they will have in school being assessed, we will delay reports. In the Autumn term, when we hope and expect to be back to normal, we will assess children to find out where they are in the learning. We will then share this information with parents and hold a Parents' Evening, where you will meet your child's teacher and find out how we will help them make up any gaps in their learning. If you have a child who is leaving us, we will still give you a brief report this term. If your child is moving from the Infants to the Juniors, you will get a report in the Autumn when things are back to normal.

In the early part of next week you will receive communication from the school about which teachers are teaching which classes next year. The bubble system prohibits us from doing many of the usual transition activities, but for those children who are in, there will be a focus on this. Videos for each class' new teacher will be posted to Seesaw too, so parents and children can virtually meet the new teachers. We will also be writing to families about our plans for a holiday club. There has been a lot of interest in this so far, but of course there are added complications that need to be taken into account in the planning. We are confident we will be able to offer something which will meet the needs of families in a safe way and the email next week will be to share our plans.

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Woody's Blog

Hello Everyone.

Hope you've all managed to stay cool during this very hot week. I found it exhausting watching Mrs Beech do her work!

I had the pleasure of popping into Miss Clarke's bubble to listen to the children perform the actions to 'Where to jump'. The children were brilliant and I really loved watching them. As I returned to the office I waved to a few children in their bubbles. I really miss you all and I'm looking forward to seeing a few more of you in school over the next three weeks.

Have a lovely weekend, love from Woody.



Happy birthday to...

Joshua O

Caitlin M

Orlaith Y

**Happy
Birthday**

Robert S

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery

Oscar I

Amelia AE

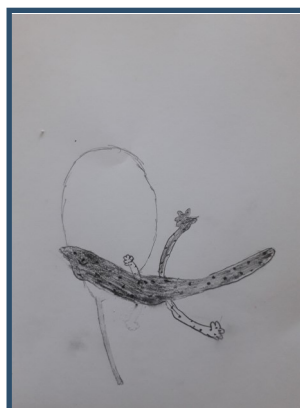
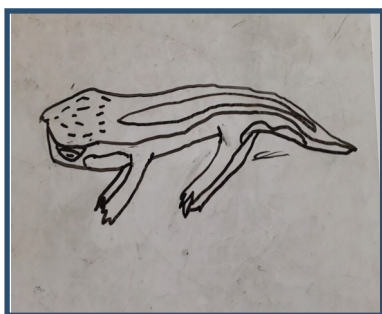
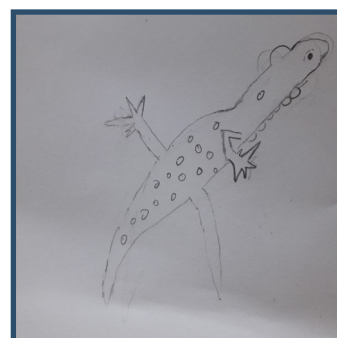
Akilan P

**Happy
Birthday**

Sophie K

Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. Junior School

Children In School



News

Get ready for our Virtual Sports Week on the 29th June 2020

Mr. Beasley has organised some events to have a go at during next week. Watch out for his demonstrations on SeeSaw. We hope to see lots of you joining in and filling in the form with your scores. This event will be launched on 29th June 2020 for both the Infant and Junior schools.

Walk/Run/Cycle Fund Raising

To sponsor the group, please follow the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/dunchurchinfants2020?utm_term=2aaX585kX



WCC Family Information Service.

To access Warwickshire County Council's latest Family Information Service Newsletter, follow this link.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=0a43297b8f>

Infant & Junior School

