

16th July 2020

Dear children,

We have made it to the summer holidays! With a mixture of home learning and time spent in school, you have spent the last 17 weeks living through a lockdown! What a journey it has been! You have impressed all of the adults in school with your maturity and positive attitude and these last months in school have been a pleasure as a result. Well done, and thank you. I hope your families are equally proud of you. School has been quiet, with many of your friends missing and it hasn't felt like it normally would (although some of you have said you prefer it that way – shhhhh, we won't tell the others). When you return in September the peace will be shattered and hustle and bustle will return once more.

Even though you break up tomorrow, it really would help you if you carry on practising some of the things you have been learning through the holidays. Continuing to practise spellings and times tables will also be helpful, and you must certainly do lots of reading. When we all return to school in September, everyone (and that includes YOU) is going to have to work very hard to catch up on the weeks of 'normal' learning you have missed (I am sure, Year 6, that as you move up to secondary school, you too will be expected to work extra hard!).

When you come back to school you may notice a few changes. I have explained these to your parents and asked them to chat to you about them. However, you shouldn't find that school is hugely different (it will just be things like desks in rows, and no assemblies) and it certainly isn't anything to worry about. Just like it has been since March, the changes aren't huge but they are in place to keep you all safe. You will spend September in the classroom you were in before lockdown and with the same teachers. We thought you would like the chance to spend a few more weeks in familiar surroundings, and your teachers have lots of learning planned for this time. During the first week back you are only in for three days and these will be spent talking and catching up with your friends and teachers, doing art and D&T and reading to your teachers so that they can sort out your reading books and you can start taking them home again. You won't start your full time table until the following week. In the corridors you will see that we have some lockdown boards (some of may have seen these already), with photographs and work on them that have been produced during this time. There are a couple of empty boards; these are ready for your fabulous art work and creations to brighten up the walls – so they need to be good!

Talking of 'good', we hope that when you come back you all still remember our rules (you may spot a couple of new additions).

Be SAFE
Be KIND
Be GREAT

- **G**ood presentation – **W**ork and self
- **R**espectful - **P**eople and property
- **E**mbrace challenge - **H**ave a go; take a risk
- **A**im high - **A**spire and achieve
- **T**ry your best - **U**se your 'learning powers'

Now, more than ever, these rules are really important to ensure that you all return to school **safe** and **happy** and ready to start **learning**.

I hope that you all have a fabulous summer holiday. It may not be as planned (you might be like me, with your holiday cancelled – boooooo!) but I am sure you will have fun. Most importantly, stay safe, and follow whatever new rules there may – we'll be back to normal very soon!

Happy summer!
Mrs Jordan