

5 June 2020

Dear Parents,

Time is something that is becoming more precious to me as we move into our final half term of the year. I could not be prouder of our children in the way they have coped with these unusual times. I know there have been some tough days when energy and enthusiasm is at an all-time low or there has been push back about wanting to do certain things but that is common for us all. We are experiencing a time in history that our children will remember and be able to recount to their children. Some of their antics and creative ideas have been just simply amazing. Special family times such as baking, gardening, quizzes, multiflex challenges and much more will be recounted for years to come! This is exactly the reason why we wanted to support you and your children in creating special memories.

Watching what your children have been getting up to on seesaw and tapestry has had me laughing, bursting with pride, amazed, and very often shedding a few tears of joy. Thank you for everything that you are doing for your children – I think you are amazing.

Creating a Special Memento

Mrs Rowland has come up with the great idea of creating our very own **Lock down Cook Book!** You did receive a letter about this on Monday along with a template to type up your recipes to submit. This will not only be something to cherish in your family for decades to come but the money raised will go to support some of our local charities that do such great work. Please contribute to the book if you can.

This afternoon we received the exciting news that Waitrose have offered their support and have donated the ingredients for 15 recipes in the book! To enter all you have to do is submit you recipe by **Friday 12 June** (deadline has now been extended from Monday 8 June) and you will be entered into a prize draw. Please send your recipes to the school office via: admin@egerton.cheshire.sch.uk

Next Steps

We are working very hard to complete the final preparations for welcoming the Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from 15th, 22nd and 29th June respectively. The key workers' group will continue to expand over these weeks and will be full from 29 June. The number of children returning has meant that our school is now at full capacity. Every room, excepting one, will be used and all the staff able to be in school are involved with others continuing to work remotely. This shows the true commitment of the Egerton staff.

Each group of children due to return from 15 June onwards will receive special information to prepare them for the new norm at Egerton. Their parents are encouraged to start to talk to them now and to practice social distancing at home. Please refer to my letter of 22 May to help you.

Finally, I want to again stress that this plan of a phased return is something that we are committed to. However, this national situation is dynamic and can change radically within a week. I really hope that this positive trajectory is sustained and that our plan can continue.

Enjoy your weekend with a spell of cooler weather and much needed rain for the gardens and fields.

Best wishes

Alison Hooper
Headteacher