

3 July 2020

Dear Parents,

We have had another successful week in school by welcoming the children from Class 6. They have had a great week and welcomed the level of independence we gave them in managing their time each day. Mr Acton (Head of Year 7) and Mr Parr (Assistant Headteacher) from Knutsford Academy came to visit them yesterday to discuss September. Lots of great questions and valuable discussions were had by all. Thank you to all parents for their punctuality and great support. It has meant that our systems are running very smoothly.

Miss Babinska, Miss Padmore and from Monday Miss Garvey will be teaching full time in school. They will continue to plan and provide work for their classes and their morning videos and stories. However, they simply cannot provide the level of feedback for their classes during a school day. We would appreciate your understanding on this.

Multiflex

I am sure you will agree that Mr Webb and his Multiflex Team have been phenomenal during this lockdown period. They have presented a new challenge every day and provided us all with some great entertainment with their forfeit videos! Their level of enthusiasm and consistent message of 'Be Kind, Be safe, watch this space' has been a familiar aspect to our weeks.

I have asked the children to share a short video (maximum 30 seconds) or written message to Mr Webb and the team on Seesaw or tapestry. This can be done as a family if you wish as I know many parents have been taking part in the challenges too! These are going to be put together in one special film for him and the team. I have a couple of other special ideas I am working on too that I will share in the weeks to come. **Please post your contributions on seesaw or tapestry by Monday 6 July. No contributions can be used after that date.**

Egerton Lockdown Cookbook

They have arrived! The orders are flooding in so please make sure you get your copy soon. We can ask for more to be printed if necessary. They are very high quality and will last for generations at a bargain price of £7. The proceeds from these sales will go local charities; The Toy Appeal, The Welcome and VISYON youth counselling service. Waitrose have very kindly supported this project by offering to provide the ingredients for a chosen recipe of randomly selected families that provided their recipe for the book. The winners are:

Liz Elliott	Finlay and Amy Buckley	Sophie O'Regan
Lola and Ruby Martin	Anya Ormorod-Jordan	Isaac Miah
Tyger Parish	Fiona McCall	Amanda Rooney
Aiden Hampson	Ottilie and Saskia Neveu-Clark	Lucas Cronan
Mrs Hooper	Chris Sloan (Open the Book)	

To claim your ingredients simply email admin the recipe you have chosen from the book and we will contact Waitrose.

Annual Reports

The children's annual reports will be ready on Friday 10 July. The children in school will take theirs and their sibling's home with them. There will be a collection point set up in the school car park for the children who are working at home. There will be a very clear walkway set up to follow on entering through the car park entrance. It will be wonderful to see the children and pass these on. **The collection point will open at 9.30am until 11.30am and in the afternoon from 1pm until 2.30pm.**

Emotional wellbeing

The NSPCC has an extensive page of resources which can help parents and carers to support children and young people who may be suffering from anxiety during this period.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

Think Ninja App – Free during Covid-19

The Think Ninja App is a commissioned child mental wellbeing app. In response to Covid-19 the app has been updated with specific content and made freely available to young people **aged 10–18 years old.**

September 2020

I received formal notification and initial guidance for September arrangements yesterday from the government. I will be reading this very carefully to consider plans for Egerton. There are 8 weeks before the school is due to reopen and it is highly likely that this guidance will change. A lot can change in one week in this unique situation as the residents of Leicester have found.

Please be assured that I will continue to work hard to ensure that the very best plan will be put in place for Egerton prioritising your children's safety and the quality of their education. These plans will include the possible reopening of the Egerton Lions Club too. I am aware that working parents are under pressure from their employers regarding their work patterns. However, whatever draft plans I can make it is very possible that these will change due to local data and we are hopeful that Cheshire East will not experience a lockdown. Our official start date for the children is Thursday 3 September. All children are expected back to school and I will be confirming plans for this mid to late August.

Final 2 weeks of this term

In the final 2 weeks of this term we are going to be focusing on transition for all of the children. We have a few creative ideas to support this. Miss Garvey is able to join the team in school and will be teaching the Year 1 squirrels group.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with school if you have a question or thoughts or ideas. Please use the admin email address and not the teacher's email addresses.

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Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes

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