

10 July 2020

Dear Parents,

We have had yet another busy week. The teachers have been reading stories to their new classes in September this week. This will be followed by a video from them answering questions posed by their new classes.

Our Journey Together

2020 quite simply is now fixed in our memories. At Egerton we were firmly focused on ensuring that the children were well supported during this time and that they not only continued to thrive and have fun whilst learning. They have created some very happy memories. Being able to see every child's engagement on Seesaw and Tapestry has certainly added to my happy memories. Lots of laughter, tears of joy as well as amazing achievements.

We want to capture this experience, learn from it and if, heaven forbid, were it to ever happen again we would be in a very good position to support our children and families again. With this in mind would you mind taking a few minutes to complete a short survey for us? Just click on the link below. All we ask is that you complete a survey for each of your children. We really appreciate this.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZLLQQM3>

Multiflex

I would like to thank the Butters family (Charlie is in Year 5 and James Year 3) for putting together the most amazing film of the children's thanks for all that the Multiflex Team have done for us. We will be putting this on Seesaw and Tapestry on Friday 17 July as that is when we will present it to the Multiflex Team, along with some other surprises!

Reading Books

We will continue to collect reading books over the next week. It would be extremely helpful if you could return any that you have and place in the designated crate on arrival. As the children are all back to school in September we have made the decision not to continue with the Bug Club. This was an excellent interim measure that worked really well. However, many children struggle to read on a device or simply prefer a real book. Also older children struggle to read a novel on a device and it can cause headaches.

September 2020

The arrangements for September simply cannot be finalised yet. However, the government guidance does include the following key points:

- Compulsory attendance of all children. Parents will face a fine if their children do not attend
- Classes will be a bubble in itself
- Staggered drop off and pick up times
- Parents to exit the site immediately
- Children not expected to social distance but must not be seated facing each other
- Staff to maintain social distance from the children and each other
- Uniform to be reinstated
- Books and resources can be shared. However, equipment will still need to be cleaned
- Children to have their own equipment

- Minimum to be brought into school
- No school assemblies
- Zoned areas of the playground and field for bubble

Egerton Lions Club

Government guidance states:....'separating groups and maintaining distance are not 'all or nothing' options, and will still bring benefits even if implemented partially. Some schools will need to keep children in their class groups for the majority of classroom time, but also allow mixing into wider groups for specialist teaching, wrap around care and transport.'

This means that we can deliver Multiflex, Spanish and small group interventions. The Lions Club will take a great deal more thought and planning due to the health and safety protocols that lie behind this that are not clear at all.

The profession have asked for greater clarity. Also it is 7 weeks before we are due to open and a great deal can happen in that time. Please be patient and I will confirm our complete plans but it is unlikely to be until mid to late August due to the guidance certainly changing but also the science behind this. We really hope, for instance, that we do not experience a second spike or one locally in Cheshire East.

17 July

We want this to be a very special day for all the children. There will be no 'learning activities' that day but lots of fun for the children to get up to both in school and at home! Plans for this will be shared on Seesaw and Tapestry.

Remote learning will cease over the summer break, as would have happened in 'normal times'. However, the teachers will be setting the children a fun project linked to their first term so that they are ready to share this when they return in September. Reading must also continue.

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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