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12.6.20- Newsletter

Reopening Success

As per our letter yesterday, we are pleased to say that our reopening plans have run smoothly and children and staff have enjoyed being back despite school looking very different and are adapting well to new routines and arrangements.

Of course, we are so disappointed to have had to close the second year six bubble but this was always a possibility due to increasing numbers of key workers as lockdown is slowly lifted. It was lovely for these children spend some time with their peers and adults in school, albeit for a shorter time than we would have liked.

Notice period for Key Workers

Many parents who have key worker status are now having to take the option of a place in school. We totally understand this and will make the necessary arrangements for your children when you let us know of how we can support. Please be advised that we may not be able to sort a place immediately as there could be implications with the organisation of bubbles and staffing. If you can give us as much notice as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

Government announcement- Y2,3,4,5

As you are likely to have seen in the news this week, Gavin Williamson has abandoned Government plans to re-open primary schools to all pupils before the summer holidays. In our information sheet sent before half term, we did state that we thought it would be highly unlikely that it would be possible to accommodate all children considering the impact of social distancing requirements on space and staff in school. We are glad to continue to provide remote learning for all of our pupils and are currently looking into other ways that we can engage with children who remain at home.

New Online Payment System

Details went out last Friday about our new online payment system- schoolmoney. Please try to log on to create your account so that you are ready to use it when needed. Initially, this is only for school dinners but in the future, we will be using it for clubs and trips so that we no longer have to have

cash transactions through the office and you can easily track your own accounts.

New Classes- September

Although we are unsure as to what school will look like in September and await further guidance from the government on this, we are already thinking about our classes for the new academic year. There will be no changes to teaching staff in September and the teachers will remain in their present classes. During the week beginning 13th July we will confirm your child's class and teacher for the new school year.

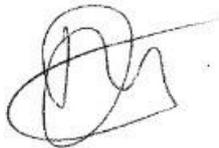
EYFS Reports

The Explorers would normally receive their annual school report in July. We will still be doing this but, in light of the fact that many children have not been in school for a whole term, it will be in a reduced format, giving an overview of your child's first two terms. These reports will be sent home on **Friday 10th July**.

We have very enjoyed seeing some of the learning you have been doing alongside your children at home. Please continue to share learning with us at clerical@bishopschool.co.uk and we will make sure we share it with your teachers so they can write you a message back.

Take care, stay safe and have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dave Killoran', written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)