

Friday 12th June 2020

Mrs Wright Writes!

When I am working in my office, I have a lovely view out to the Reception area. Yesterday, the children were all blowing bubbles in their bubbles and actually jumping up and down with excitement (including Mrs Halls!). Today they are making plans for their oak trees, seriously describing what they need and how they are going to make them.

Year One have been producing some wonderful tree paintings and are about to start their Lighthouse keepers lunch work. Our Year Six children are very busy making their memory books with lots of giggles about photographs from previous years. Our key worker children were very busy working hard when I looked in and were sharing their poems and pictures with each other.

The bubbles are set up with 8 – 10 children with a teacher who runs it and a teaching assistant who assists. The idea of the bubbles is that they form a protective 'bubble' around the children so that if there is a confirmed case of Covid the whole bubble can isolate for 14 days. The family of the bubble children do not need to isolate unless someone in their family has symptoms or their child goes on to develop them. It is all very complicated I know, but the way to think of it is if someone in your family has symptoms the whole family isolates until test results are back. If they are negative then all returns to normal, if one person in that family is positive then then whole family continues to isolate to see if they go on to develop symptoms.

If there is a suspected case then we will notify the parents of the children in that bubble and the bubble can stay closed as a precaution until the test results are back. If the children have siblings attending the school then they can continue to attend their bubble as the bubbles do not mix in anyway.

Many of you will have seen then news this week to say the government had dropped the plans to get all children back to school on the 24th June. They had always said this would depend on the five tests and it was felt that all children could not yet be in school without protective bubbles and social distancing. Even in a school our size it is impossible to split children into smaller bubbles and staff them all. We do not have the staff or the space.

I am receiving emails from parents asking to go on a waiting list. I have replied to say we will write to you again if we can offer more places. I want to make it clear to you all that we are not holding any waiting lists. We do not yet know if we can offer more places and that depends on a lot of things out of my control. We were able to offer places to all the children whose parents stated yes on the questionnaire for the three year groups and pre-school. I do appreciate that people have now changed their minds but we have to wait a bit to see what we can do. **If** we can offer more places, I will write to you again when we can and then you can choose if you would like one. I am afraid there will be no guarantee you will all get one, as we will still only be able to take a few more children, not all the children. We need to monitor this first phase to see how it all goes before we can make that decision. I do understand the frustration some of you must be feeling but we have to put the safety of the children and staff first.

Thank you so much for all your positive messages of support, they mean a lot to me and all the staff.

I am also aware that there is a lot of talk about summer programmes/catch up programmes etc in the news. As a school we are waiting for guidance, so I am afraid I cannot tell you anymore about that yet.

Once I have more information I will let you know.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.







Purple Mash game design competition with prizes!

It's aimed at years 4-6 although, younger children who are interested may want to have a go. The closing date is the 26th June!

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