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Dear Parents

I trust you and your families are all keeping well. I want to acknowledge all of the hard work going on at home and in school. The children's work in all year groups has been very pleasing. Well done to all of the children who participated in our recent World Book Day Creative Challenge. There were so many amazing book characters made from potatoes and each design was so unique! Congratulations to everyone in school on marking another World Book Day in true Woods P.S. style!

As you will all know by now P1 to P3 pupils will return to face to face teaching on Monday 8 March 2021 for two weeks until Friday 19 March (we are closed on 17 March). This unfortunately does not include any children in other primary school years. **However, these classes (P1-3) will then return to remote learning on Monday 22 March until Friday 26 March 2021 when the Easter holidays will commence for all pupils.** We still have no date for the return to school for P4-7 pupils. Once we are informed we will be in touch with you all.

In the meantime, the school will continue to provide supervision for vulnerable pupils and those of keyworkers until such times that a full return to school is instructed by the Minister. Parents should still apply for this supervision using the school keyworker request form issued via text message each Thursday.

School will be open normal school hours. Doors opening at 8.45am and closing at 2pm (for P1-3) and 3pm (for P4-7). If a parent requires supervision between 2 and 3pm they can register for the 123 club in the normal way (123 Club Form available on the school website). **Please note that school will close early (for keyworker & vulnerable children in attendance) on Friday 26 March P1-3 11.45am and P4-7 12 noon.** School will be closed for the Easter holidays 29 March to 9 April and will re-open Monday 12 April.

Things are changing almost daily throughout this uncertain time. We have now been informed that school dinners and healthy snacks will be available for everyone in school from Monday 8 March. Parents of children P4-7, entitled to Free School Meals will receive a direct payment, therefore if their child wants a school meal they will have to pay the normal £2.60, otherwise bring a packed lunch. P1-3 children entitled to Free School Meals will receive a free meal in school as normal. If any P1-3 child entitled to Free School Meals is unable to attend school due to COVID they can request a small hamper of food (by telephoning the school office) for parents to use at home.

On Monday 8 March we are planning a few outdoor activities to welcome our children back to school in a positive way. We will also be taking them outdoors weather permitting for regular breaks and playtime so please ensure that your child brings warm and waterproof coats to school (hats if they wish).

We are asking P1 parents to ensure that their child enters school through the MAIN SCHOOL entrance and is collected from the P1 classroom at 2pm.

P2 and P3 children should enter the door at the P3 covered area and be collected from this same area each day at 2pm unless staying for 123 Club when they will be collected at 3pm.

Snacks will be provided and will cost £2.70 for the first two weeks. Children attending keyworker provision may pay upfront for the number of days they are attending that week 30p a day.

If you have any further issues, please give the office a ring and speak to a member of staff.

In the meantime, take care of yourselves and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

K. White