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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you are continuing to stay safe, well and keep a positive outlook, despite the demands and challenges we continue to face. We can't wait to see you all as soon as the situation allows. Our second staff video is imminent - watch this space!

### Phone calls home

Our desire to keep the communication going as best we can, with those of you who aren't yet returning to school yet, is strong. We are now, of course, balancing this with teaching staff leading their bubbles, full time. The second school video is one way of letting you know we're here, and of bringing a smile to your face! The Endon Echo lets us share your memories and achievements each week, thank you. The teachers are checking and responding to their homework@ e-mails as quickly as possible and you can still e-mail them as previously.

In addition, over the next couple of weeks, we will be making another phone call home to any children not attending school. In most cases, it'll be the class teachers who make the phone call, but either myself or a member of the Senior Leadership Team may make a few of the calls, to share them out. We had such great feedback when we last did this and feel it's a great way to keep in touch.

### Staff news

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that two treasured members of our staff team will be leaving us at the end of this term.

Mrs Karir - whose time at Endon Hall long precedes mine, has decided to focus on other career opportunities (she is a trained First Responder) and spending more time with her family.

Mr Clarke - whose time at Endon Hall has been short but sweet will leave us, bound for other schools, as his short term supply contract with us comes to an end.

Both of these unique and incredibly talented individuals have made such a mark on our school in their time here, and our staff team simply won't be the same without them. They are rare finds and the school is undoubtedly blessed for the part they have played within it. We are limited in how we can say our goodbyes at the moment, but we will do so, in time. I'm sure you will find your own way to thank them and pass on your best wishes.

On a brighter note, we are lucky to have appointed Mrs Ellis as Reception teacher and Early Years Lead, from September 2020. I know you will join me in welcoming Mrs Ellis when the time comes. We can't wait for her to join the team at Endon Hall.

### Week 14 (Wk bg 22<sup>nd</sup> June) year group home learning packs

The Week 14 year group home learning packs have now been uploaded to the website. Please visit <https://endonhall.staffs.sch.uk/school-curriculum/> to view them. Previous weekly home learning packs are still available from this page of the website (towards the bottom of the page).

The overviews of the End of Year curriculum objectives for each year group from Reception onwards remain on the website too, in response to parent feedback. As we said previously, this is NOT intended to worry anyone in terms of what their child 'should' be able to do and currently may not be able to do, so please make your own choice as to whether you would find this useful to access or not.

~ Learning together and having fun ~



Also this week, there are three \*NEW\* links for you on the website...one which is a great Maths resource (Carol Vorderman teaching Maths concepts), one which encourages you to get involved in the Summer Reading Challenge, and one which will hopefully inspire you to earn a Blue Peter badge by sharing with them all the creative projects we know you've been working on.

### **Endon Echo**

Edition 6 of the Endon Echo will be making its way over to you in a separate Parent Mail - your adventures and achievements continue to fill us with pride and this is a great way to showcase and celebrate everything you're doing. Please keep sharing these moments with us (via e-mail to Mrs Meredith - [office@endonhall.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@endonhall.staffs.sch.uk))! All the information is in the original Endon Echo letter, which is available at the top of the <https://endonhall.staffs.sch.uk/school-curriculum/> website page.

### **Summer Holiday Club provision**

A copy of the letter sent last week regarding Summer Holiday club provision is now on our website...in the Week 13 section towards the bottom of the <https://endonhall.staffs.sch.uk/school-curriculum/> page.

### **Year 6 transition**

The home learning packs for weeks 15, 16 and 17 will include a focus on 'Transition to High School', preparing and sharing information which will support the move from primary to secondary school, and hopefully helping children feel less worried about this step. Whether children are in school or at home, the transition work is the same. There will be more about this in the learning packs but we wanted to share our timescales with you at this point so that you are more informed.

A letter has been shared with Year 6 parents/carers, detailing the ways in which we will be celebrating the end of their primary years (and asking for a little help from you with this!). Whilst this won't be in line with our usual end of Year 6 arrangements, we will mark this milestone in the very best way we can.

### **Planned phased wider re-opening of schools**

Next week, we welcome back the Year 6 children whose parents/carers indicated that they wished them to return as/when possible. Children who have 'critical worker status' and those in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will continue to be in school with us.

If any of the children who have a school place (whether it be full or part time) are taking a holiday/leave of absence over the next four weeks, please notify the office straight away.

We continually review our numbers and capacity, ascertaining whether we have any limited places available, should we be contacted regarding extenuating circumstances. As stated in the past, there are no full time places available at all and we have reached the stage where, regardless of individual circumstances, we simply won't be able to accommodate everyone - as difficult as that is. The safety of everyone must remain our absolute priority. There are no plans to open more widely over the next four weeks.

We are proud of what we have achieved in these unprecedented times and remain assured by our approach. I send my thanks once again to parents/carers for their understanding and support.

Please stay safe and keep in touch, as we continue to be together apart.

Best Regards,

Miss Lewis  
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