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Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer Term Welcome & Information

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed a little more freedom as the restrictions eased.

We are looking forward to this term and hope we can keep all bubbles in school and learning, with their friends, where they belong. Our risk assessment has not changed; all the measures previously in place will remain. It is our view that, as things ease out of school, the measures in place in school to keep everyone safe and well must remain, to balance the risks. If/when the DfE guidance changes, we will review our approach.

Please continue to refer to previous communication regarding symptoms requiring a test. Please also note the content of the letter from Staffordshire County Council, that was sent to parents yesterday. We will always err on the side of caution as this protects our entire community and limits any disruption to bubble life. If your child is unwell in school, we will contact you to collect them (and any siblings) straight away. Thank you in advance for working with us to protect everyone's health and well-being.

Home learning

Home learning will now recommence. We were mindful of the impact of re-introducing this between 8th March and 1st April, as we know some families working schedules were adversely affected during the 2021 school 'closure', and did not want to add additional pressure once children returned to school. We now feel it is time to re-introduce some core/basic skills practise for children to do at home, to support their learning in school.

In Years 1 to 6, home learning will be shared in the form of a brain builder, uploaded to Google Classroom on a Friday, to be completed and returned (by uploading to Google Classroom), by the following Wednesday. Brief feedback will be given, via the Google Classroom platform. If you are not yet registered on Google Classroom, please visit <https://endonhall.staffs.sch.uk/online-safety-2/> for instructions.

Home learning books will be sent home this week, for children to complete any written home learning in. Once complete, written work should be photographed and uploaded to Google Classroom. Home learning books should not come back and forth to school; please keep them at home once you receive them.

In Nursery, home learning will be sent occasionally (not weekly), via Tapestry, and will focus on practical activities. In Reception, home learning will be sent via Parent Mail.

Reading books will now be issued weekly in Reception and Years 1 to 3. A separate letter will be sent about this to parents/carers in those year groups.

Parent/Carer & Teacher meetings

A separate letter will be sent regarding the upcoming Parent/Carer & Teacher meetings, to be held on Wednesday 5th May. The letter includes a link to complete an online survey regarding your preferences for the meeting (Microsoft Teams meeting, phone call, and an opportunity to select your approximate time slot).

It is important that we share information with you about how your child settled on return to school, and to summarise the key points from our initial assessments, including strengths, next steps and how you can support at home.

Fundraising

The Easter bonnet/headwear competition kicked off our fundraising events schedule just before Easter. The response was incredible! We have some very creative and talented children at Endon Hall. Thank you so much for your support.

As you know from the fundraising newsletter, the fundraising continues this term with our Sponsored Walk, Summer Raffle, and One Big Birthday! Further information about each event will be shared in due course.

We rely heavily on fundraising to help to provide additional resources for the children in school and thank you in advance for your incredible support. Our focus for fundraising continues to be IT. We have committed some of our delegated school budget to laptops and interactive whiteboards but need to purchase more devices to support Computing and other projects.

Staffing

Year 1 parents/carers were made aware before Easter that Miss Rowley will be leaving Endon Hall, officially at the end of the Summer Term but, physically, from May half term. Miss Rowley is relocating to Somerset and will teach remotely for the second half of the term, to provide as much continuity as possible for the class. Additional staff will be based in the class with the children whilst Miss Rowley is 'live'.

Miss Rowley has taught RSHE & RE across all year groups during her time at Endon Hall and, as such, will have made relationships with parents and pupils across the school during her time with us. We are very sorry to see her go and will miss her hugely. A recruitment process is currently underway for a new KS1 teacher and we will keep you informed regarding this.

We also wish to share with you that Mrs Hargreaves, who undertook the role of lunchtime supervisor at Endon Hall for 18 years, decided to retire at Easter. She showed such commitment and dedication to the school and everyone in it, for so many years. We wish her luck as she moves on, hoping to fulfil some voluntary work, as well as enjoying her retirement. We thank her wholeheartedly for her hard work - we will miss her.

We know this will be a busy but wonderful term and look forward to working with you throughout.

Yours Sincerely,

V. C. Lewis

Miss V Lewis
Headteacher

~ Learning together and having fun ~

