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Dear Parents,

After a week since opening school once again to all children, I am delighted to say that the children have settled back in brilliantly; their behaviour and attitude to learning is amazing and it is wonderful to see how happy they are to have been reunited with their friends. Thank you so much for all of your support in ensuring the return has gone so smoothly. We look forward to the rest of the academic year, hopefully some good weather and more steps closer to a return to normality.

Parents' Evenings

We would normally hold our second parents' evening of the academic year at this time. However, as the children have been out of school for most of the Spring Term we will be holding these meetings at the start of the Summer Term (week commencing 26th April). This will enable us to form an accurate assessment of the children's strengths and next steps in the few weeks that are left before the Easter break. Due to the current restrictions these meetings will once again take place over Microsoft Teams. More information about dates and times will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Comic Relief

As you may be aware, as a school we usually hold a fundraising day in aid of Comic Relief. This is organised by Year 6 and involves lots of stalls of food, games, face painting etc. We are hoping that, if restrictions are lifted in time, that we will be able to hold this later in the year as it is such a wonderful day. We would still like to mark Comic Relief and therefore invite the children to wear red for a suggested, voluntary donation of £1.00 on Friday. This can be all red or a single item. We are also holding a joke competition this week. Children can pay 20p to submit a joke (they can submit as many jokes as they like at 20p per joke). There will be winners for our favourite jokes in each class and all jokes will be typed up and compiled in a joke pamphlet! Teachers will be talking about this with their class this week! We can't wait to hear the contributions - I think we all need a good laugh at the moment!

Reading Books

Could we make a quick plea for any books that the children may still have at home to be returned to school please. We are still missing quite a few. This will enable us to ensure that all children can have a new reading book to bring home. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Reminders

I would just like to politely remind families of some school expectations that teachers have been reminding children of in class. Children should only have water in their class water bottle. They are able to bring squash or juice to have with their packed lunch or school meal. Milk can be purchased to drink at break time. Children are able to bring in a snack of fruit or vegetables to have at break time. All other snacks should be eaten as part of their lunch. Jewellery, including earrings, is not part of school uniform and should not be worn to school for health and safety reasons. Children are permitted to wear a wrist watch or jewellery with a recognised religious significance. These must be removed for PE. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.



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COVID Measures

In order to protect the health of all members of our school community, I would just like to remind parents that in order to stop groups from congregating for any longer than necessary, the school and surrounding area should be vacated quickly after drop off and collection. Where children are waiting for siblings, they should be supervised by parents at all times. As social distancing cannot be guaranteed, we would ask that parents consider wearing a face covering during drop off and collection. If you need to speak to a member of staff, we request that a face covering is worn. Thank you for your understanding and helping us to make the return to school as safe as it possibly can be.

Once again, thank you for your overwhelming support. As always, please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rachael Kilmister'.

Rachael Kilmister
Headteacher