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**Dear Parents** 

Hope you are all well and enjoying the very hot, sunny weather, without feeling the need to be crammed on a beach in Dorset!

I am writing with an update for the end of this term and tentative comments regarding planning for September.

It was lovely to see the children from Miss Moore and Miss Ramli's also Mrs Duffy and Mrs Long's classes come into school today for their class sessions before the end of the term. We are looking forward to seeing all of the other children over the next few weeks in school.

The school will be closing for the summer on Thursday 16 July for all children. We have thoroughly enjoyed having the majority of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children back with us in school. They have been trying so hard to ensure social distancing. The staff have managed to maintain the cleaning regime and I hear bells ringing constantly to let us know the toilets need cleaning, which the children like immensely. The school will not be open during the summer holidays. The children have been working well both in school and home. The staff have also been working nonstop over the past few months including the Easter and half term holidays. They along with the children deserve their normal summer break to recharge and recoup enabling them to be fresh for September.

With regards to September, we still await the guidance from the DFE and government as to what is going to happen. However, from the announcements made so far it looks as though we will be returning to school with all the children from Wednesday 2 September. There is a caveat on this with regards to a second spike or peak in the virus. Of course when we have final details I will be writing to you once again to inform you of the changes to the start and end of the school days and what will happen in-between.

There will also be changes to the curriculum as well in September, details to follow. However, one thing we would like the children to do in preparation for their return in September is to make a 'HAPPY BOX'. This could be a box of any description (shoe, plastic, whatever size or shape) decorated and containing things that make them happy. For examples photos of their families, favourite toys or teddies (photos if too big), special things of theirs, etc, etc. We will be using these the first couple of days/week back in September as a starter to the year.

Attached to this letter (via email) will be the Term Dates for the coming academic year. We will be sticking to these as much as possible as long as we remain open fully.

Look out for your child's annual report, which will be handed out to those children in school on Monday 6 July or sent via post to everyone else. Within the envelope will be information telling you which class and teacher your child will be with in September.

I hope to see you all soon if you are bringing children to school.

Best wishes

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