



Horsell C of E Junior School



22nd May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, this half term has certainly not been the one that any of us would have planned! As the half term ends, I have had a short time to reflect on a few of the things that I think we have all learnt as a school community.

As teachers, we often talk about the importance of the relationship between home and school. This time of distance learning has brought this into sharp relief as we all work together to try to do our best for our children. It has been a time where we have had to work together, and learn together, as we have all navigated this new educational landscape. There have been a few bumps along the way, but I am proud of the journey that we are on and the hard work that we have all put in as we try to provide the very best education for our children.

Although I have lived in Woking for many years, when I took on the role here I was told that I was working in 'the village'. I now fully appreciate what that means. Some of us have had difficult times over the past few months and I have been moved by the team spirit, empathy, and resourcefulness of everyone in our community. Our school value has been 'love' and we have all seen that demonstrated in a myriad of ways over the past weeks.

The government will confirm on 28th May whether schools are going to re-open to Year 6 children. Obviously, we have had to plan in advance of this date so I am working under the assumption that the building will be open on 1st June to our Year 6 children. If things change, I will inform you as soon as I can.

Assuming that the school building does re-open, from 1st June we will be moving over to a 'blended learning' offer. A teacher from each year group will be running our distance learning provision from home whilst our other teachers, teaching assistants and support staff are back at school providing teaching and childcare for our Year 6 children and children of critical workers. You will have received a letter from each year group outlining how this will work. As I said in my Zoom presentation on Tuesday, we are learning all the time. The whole team at Horsell will work as hard as we can to ensure that your children continue to learn and develop, even though we are not all in the same building, and we will continue to review our provision as we move forward.

I hope you have restful half term and I look forward to welcoming you back to school – either remotely or in person – on 1st June.

Kind regards

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