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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely welcoming back some of our children over the last two weeks and I am so proud of how they have coped with all the changes in place. We are all still desperately hoping to get 'The Font' back to normal as soon as we can and miss all of our Font families. It is definitely far too quiet!

I have enclosed your child's report which I know staff have found very strange writing as they haven't been with the majority of children since the 20th March – such a long time for everyone! The report is based on where the children were before lockdown and, if 2020 had gone to plan, where staff predict they would be by the end of the summer term. If you have any questions or comments about the report and would like to speak to the class teacher please either ring school or send a message on class dojo – they will be more than happy to help!

I know a lot of parents will be panicking that their child will have fallen behind and that they may not have done as much home schooling as you would have liked. Please, please, please try not to worry about this – it is our job to help the children catch up and I promise that we will all work tirelessly to give all children the support they need. I can't stress enough how important it is for children to feel happy and safe at this time – you are all doing a fantastic job!

Moving forward I know there are a lot of questions about September – some of them I have the answer too yet others are still unsure. Certainly, the aim at the moment is to have all children back in September and I am keeping everything crossed that infection rates remain low so that we are able to stick to this plan. The children next year will have the following staff members:

- Reception – Mrs Milburn, Mrs Carlin and Miss Brunton
- Year 1 – Mr Dixon, Ms Brown, Miss Athey and Miss Lowe
- Year 2 – Mrs Trehwella, Mrs Chambers and Mrs Snailham
- Year 3 – Mrs Shaw and Mrs Lycett
- Year 4 – Mrs Charlton, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Heslin
- Year 5 – Mr Cassap and Miss Clark
- Year 6 – Mrs Henderson and Mr Gohery



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We are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Howson and I know both class 3 and 4 will be very upset to see her leave – as will the rest of the school and the staff. I would personally like to thank Miss Howson for her hard work, enthusiasm and the kindness she has shown the children in her care over the last two years – she will be a definite miss and I wish her every bit of luck and happiness moving on.

I am sure you will all welcome our new teacher – Mrs Charlton. She is an excellent teacher from Greenland Primary who has heard about our amazing Font families and wants to be a part of it all!

Year 6 – where do I start! You have been amazing (most of the time) and I have loved seeing you grow from tiny Year 1 children. It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of your journey and - yes I am crying as I type – you all know me well!!!! The children who have joined us through the years – I am so glad you came and you have made the school an even better place to be. It is lovely to see some of you back in school and those that haven't returned – we miss you! I promised from the start of lockdown not to let you all go without a celebration and we are planning this for the last week – more details will come and I hope you will all come along and be part of it – socially distancing of course!

Other quick bits about September:

- Please don't worry about uniform orders for September – as long as children have grey/black trousers or skirts, white polo tops and school shoes we are good to go! School jumpers can be ordered when we return to school
- Children will get some time with their previous class teacher before moving into their new class to help with transition and to have the end of year party 6 weeks late! More details of this will come but priority has to be settling children back in and I think this is really important
- Please keep an eye on class dojo, facebook and school website as new information will be regularly posted on there

If you have any questions, concerns, need advice, need a chat or just want to rant, please feel free to contact me on 01207 232198, message on class dojo or email me on l.liddell200@durhamlearning.net

Take care, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Laura Liddell



Head Teacher

