



## Graveley Primary School Newsletter No. 1 Summer Term II 2020

Dear Parents,

This week we have welcomed back our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children and I am pleased to tell you that the plan we have in place has worked well and the children have entered and exited school each day with smiles on their faces. I'm sure like us you were all a little nervous about the new 'normal', but everyone has taken it in their stride and seeing the children all arriving on the playground on Tuesday morning made myself and the staff extremely happy and very emotional.

Due to our limited space within the school, I must inform you that both our Reception and Year 6 classes are now full to capacity. If you are thinking of sending your child back within this half term, and they are in these year groups then I am afraid that the only way we can accommodate is to have them in a mixed bubble with other year groups.

We are still waiting on more guidance of how a wider school opening can be implemented as suggested by the government back in May and if we are able to do this, we will inform you of any arrangements in due course.

We are currently looking at different ways we can support you at home. As was mentioned in the letter sent out over half term, our learning support assistants will be contacting you and your child each week if you are unable to attend school for whatever reason, to have a quick catch up about any learning and feedback to the class teacher any questions you or they may have. We are also investigating 'Google Classroom,' which will be a platform to access your child's learning. I know that Mrs Andrews has or will be contacting parents in Class 2 to see whether anybody would like to trial it for us and give some feedback on its ease of use.

I have also attached a letter from Mrs Andrews giving more details on the athletics awards that we would normally be completing during this half term at school. The children thoroughly enjoy trying to better their score each year so she has slimmed down the events for children to continue their progress in these areas.

Each week, we are planning to video a Celebration Assembly which will be accessible through our YouTube channel. <https://youtu.be/qqZPiaToboc> I would love to be able to not only celebrate children's birthdays, but also some of the great work that has been going on at home. If you would like your child to be involved, please send any videos or photos to [admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk) and we will hopefully share each Friday. This week you will just have to put up with my face!

It's such a shame that the weather has turned this week after so many weeks of sunshine, but hopefully we will see the sun again soon.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

*Nicky Hand* (Headteacher)