

Parent Letter 24/06/21

Well – it has been quite a few weeks for us all so there are a number of things to digest this week.

You will no doubt be aware of the proposal for Field Place Infant and Orchards Junior to work more closely together for the mutual benefit of both schools and most importantly for the children of the community. We believe that we will be stronger together and I will be undertaking the Headteacher role at both schools in September. This is an exciting opportunity and all of the children will benefit from a closer working relationship between the schools. Both Governing Bodies are happy with the proposal so we will be spending the next couple of weeks doing a huge amount of knowledge building to be ready for September.

The 21st June announcement by the government that kept the current restrictions in place has had a significant impact upon our planned activities for the Summer Term and we have been doing a lot of reverting to Plan B's. However, in the most part, the children will still get to experience a fun end of school year. Here is some information about the following key events:

The latest guidance states that children from different schools must not mix so this means that we are unable to run our usual **Transfer Day**. However, we will be using the same methods as we did last summer with a year 2 to 3 transition page on the website with a host of opportunities to find out more about the school including videos of your new teacher!

Sports Day will still be 9th July for the children but unfortunately it would not be wise to have spectators for the event so we will not be able to enjoy the wonderful spectacle of hundreds of parents cheering the children on – next year hopefully!

The **Wizard of Oz** show will now be performed 4 times to be able to admit a safe socially distant audience with limited tickets for families of performers. Mr Hall will be keeping you in touch about these things.

Clubs will carry on as normal up to the 16th July. Most of our planned trips are still OK but we have had to move the Fishers farm to Knockhatch for Year 3.

Reports will be out on 16th July and you will be given the opportunity to discuss this with your child's teacher if you so wish.

We have all worked hard together to make this year as good as it can be and I am so pleased to see things slowly returning to normal. When you receive your child's end of year report you will realise not only how much they have achieved but also what lovely children you have. Thank you for sending them to the Orchards – they brighten my day!

Stay safe everybody.

Dr Jones