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Dear families

June 17th 2021

We have had a fabulous first two weeks back after half term, and it's been lovely to see the children really engaging in their learning. Staff and pupils are all working hard to make the most of these last few weeks of school, and your children are a credit to you with their fantastic attitudes to learning and determination to do their very best. Homework expectations will continue until the end of term, and we ask all parents to ensure their child completes their tasks; this has a really positive impact on progress as it consolidates and helps them with their learning in class (staff are trying especially hard to prepare our Year 6's for high school, but too many are not doing their homework). We teach children that hard work and effort = success, and seeing the majority of our children developing resilience and making progress, despite such a turbulent school year, has been a pleasure. Please do check our school twitter feed @sharlstonschool so that you can see the fantastic work everyone has been doing.

### **Covid Update**

As you will know, the Prime Minister announced that the next stage of lifting restrictions will now be delayed until 19 July. Unfortunately this now means that our plans for inviting parents to summer events will change. Events will take place, but where possible these will be videoed to share with parents instead.

No changes to restrictions means the expectations that parents/carers/visitors should wear face masks and maintain a 2 metre distance whilst on school site still stand. These measures are in place to keep everyone safe so please ensure you follow them.

### **Reports and Assessments**

Over the next four weeks, children in school will be undertaking some assessments. These are purely to provide us with snapshots of where the children are with their learning and to help us plan the next stage of their learning journey. Teachers will be sharing this information with parents as part of our annual reports, which you will receive during the last week of term.

### **Transition and classes for September 2021**

Any change in a child's life can be difficult and lead to anxieties, so we place a lot of importance on preparing the children for the changes they face in school, such as transition to a new class. Staff are in the process of organising and planning classes for next year. Transition activities for our current year 6 who move to high school in September are well underway and we have already linked with relevant year 7 staff. We are also planning appropriate transition for all our children in school. On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, we will run morning transition activities for all children from Reception to Year 5 and these will continue throughout the final week of term, to ensure children feel happy and are well prepared for September. More details of allocations of new classes and staff will be sent out as soon as this is finalised, Letters will be sent out separately to families of children in our nursery and reception classes in September.

### **Parking safely**

We appreciate school is sited in an awkward position and parents often find it difficult to park on the roads close to school. Any volunteers to help run a 'walking bus' from the Rugby Club on a morning next school year, would be greatly appreciated (please email school on the above address if you are interested) as this may help reduce traffic around school. Parking up onto pavements, on yellow zigzags or parking across dropped kerbs is against the law and causes problems to parents and pedestrians in the locality who have pushchairs or need mobility aids. Please be extra mindful and do not do this, to keep our children and community safe. Thank you for your support in this matter.



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## **National School Sport Week and Active Learning Day**

Our PE Leader, Mr Powell, has planned for children to take part in National School Sport Week next week, with lots of competitions to be held between classes and trophies to be won. In addition, we are excited to announce that on the 23rd June, in support of National School Sport Week, we will be running an **#ActiveLearningDay**. On this day, English and Maths lessons will be transformed into active lessons where children move around the classroom and have fun while they learn. School PE kit (normal polo shirts are fine) is to be worn all week, as sporting and active events will be taking place every day (there is a possibility PE kit will also be needed for the following week as outside events may be postponed, dependent on the weather).

### **Reminder: dates for your diary**

#### **Summer Term 2021**

*Thursday July 22nd – Nursery last day in school, normal finish time*

*Friday July 23rd – Reception to Year 6 last day in school, finishing early at the following times:*

12:50pm Reception

1pm Year 1 and 2 and Year 5 and 6

1:10pm Year 3 and 4

*Monday 26th July - school closed for STAFF TRAINING.*

#### **Autumn Term 2021**

*Monday 6th September - school closed for STAFF TRAINING*

*Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – First day of the autumn term 2021*

### **Mrs Appleton is Leaving**

On a final note, we are saying goodbye next Friday (25<sup>th</sup> June) to a highly valued and dedicated member of our staff team. Mrs Appleton has worked hard in our Early Years classes for over twenty years, but has recently decided to pursue a change of career and will soon be starting a new job working for the NHS. Without a doubt, Mrs Appleton will be missed greatly by us all; she has had a massive impact on the early learning experiences of both current and previous pupils and also been a friendly and caring colleague to many. The NHS is lucky to have her, and on behalf of everyone, I would like to thank her for all she has done for Sharlston School, and wish her the best of luck in the future.

Thank you for your continued support. I continue to be very proud of our whole learning community. Have a lovely weekend when it arrives (... and 'come on England'!).

*Mrs Dunderdale*

Julie Dunderdale

Headteacher