

26th June 2020



Dear Parents,

I do hope that you have all had a chance to read Mrs Stephens' letter, which was sent home yesterday. Marvellous news! We will be moving back to a three class structure from September. This is what we have been working towards all year as a Trust, and we are all delighted that we have the budget to make it happen. I am thrilled for Mrs McKnight on her promotion, though naturally recognise that she will be greatly missed. The new teaching team at Dunsford is strong though, and Mrs Guntrip is leading her new team behind the scenes to ensure the best possible transition for all of our children under the current restrictions, and the best possible start to the new academic year.

### **Annual Reports**

Today we are issuing annual reports for all children at school and at Nursery. These will be handed to children on site and posted out to the families of our Home Heroes, learning at home. The annual reports were prepared before half term, and were based on the progress made during the autumn and spring terms only. Therefore, they might feel slightly out of date already for many children - we are hearing of such fantastic progress being made at home and we see it in school too! However the reports will stand as a record of your child's achievements and next steps at that moment in time. We expect that you will find them interesting and informative.

### **Transition Arrangements**

At school we have been thinking about the transition arrangements for new children joining us in September, and for our Y6 children leaving us.

### **Welcome to Year Reception**

We have a large group of Reception children joining us and we feel sad that we are unable to offer the usual welcome and transitional events under the current restrictions, such as a teddy bears' picnic. Most of our new children attend Nursery, though several are joining us from other settings. Mrs Guntrip and Miss Dann are finalising the welcome booklet and registration documents, together with a small welcome pack for each child. Miss Dann also plans to do something online - more about that soon!

### **Y6 Parade**

We hope to welcome our Y6 pupils back for a few days towards the end of term, if our risk assessment allows and we have space in a bubble for them. If possible, we would like them to design their leavers' tiles and some of the secondary school staff would love to come in to meet them, socially distanced on the field. We hope this can happen - I am in touch with Y6 parents about this. However, we are organising something for them... Please find attached to this email details of the Y6 Leavers' Parade on Tuesday 21st July at 3:30pm. Please do join us by parking your cars along the route to stay socially distanced while the wonderful Y6 children drive slowly past on Mr Ursell's trailer. We were inspired by videos of children coming home from hospital after long cancer treatments - see

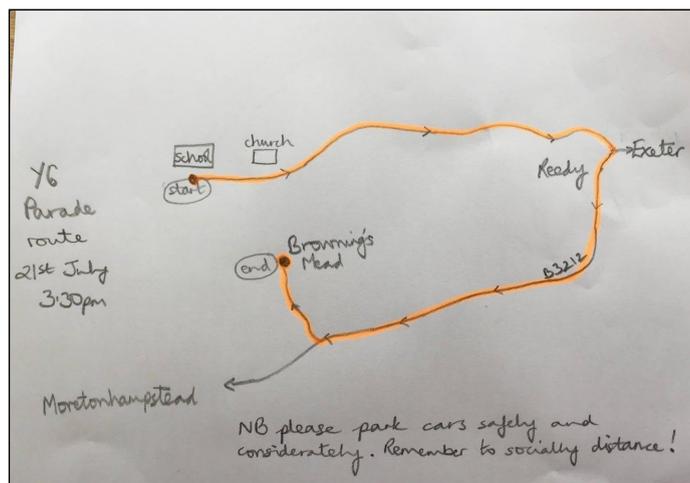


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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ca2vBGTfw> We hope that our community can give the Y6 children a memorable send off from primary school, in the absence of the usual leavers' assembly and associated leavers' events. NB please do not park by school or gather by Browning's Mead - that defeats the point and might create a crowd, a risk to social distancing. Thank you.



### Curriculum News

We are thrilled, once again, by your commitment to home learning and all of the hard work we see going on at home. All of our Home Heroes and their families are superstars! Thank you for all that you do - we appreciate how difficult it is and how frustrating it is to still be learning at home, while other parts of society are opening up. We hope that the weekly videos help the children at home to still feel connected to their teachers, and we soon hope to offer short weekly opportunities for each class to meet online and catch up. More details to follow in next Friday's update.

Next week is PE Week - we hope to see loads of photos (or even short videos) on Facebook or the Classroom Streams of our fantastic, active pupils developing their skills and having fun.

### Finally...

Do support our fantastic PTFA as much as you can in the run up to the Dunsford Show. Please see the message from the Dunsford Show Team below!

Yours sincerely,

*Ruth Alphey*

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Head of Academy



## Dunsford Show Update and Reminders

There's just over a week to go until the first ever Dunsford Online show winners are announced. We have had a great response from the community to our virtual show and we want to thank you all for your support. One of the main attractions is the online raffle with some incredible prizes - tickets are only £1 each and you can enter by visiting the website ([www.dunsfordshow.co.uk](http://www.dunsfordshow.co.uk)) and clicking on the raffle button on the homepage.

Classes for the Dog and Horse show are open and you can check the details of the classes and how to enter on our website. Entries to each class are just £2 with all money raised going to the PTFA. There are also fancy dress and flower arranging competitions for which there is no entry fee, but if you could make a small donation to the PTFA, it would be very much appreciated - every little bit helps.

If you have enjoyed following the online show you can always make a straight donation. Pennies or pounds, this can be done via online banking (email us for details [dunsfordptfa@gmail.com](mailto:dunsfordptfa@gmail.com)) or by dropping your donation in an envelope to Dunsford Stores, or into the PTFA postbox at the school (families of children learning at school only).

We thank you all for your ongoing support.

The Dunsford Show team