Dear Parents

Welcome to the summer term and what a strange term this will be for us all with no real change in sight!

Later today I will be sending a short assembly to the school website. The value will be friendship and will include a few ideas about how we can keep friendships active during isolation. This is a very important theme and relates directly to the mental health of us all.

On the subject of mental health, I can imagine that home learning can at times be stressful and I wanted to reassure you all that we understand that there will be days when things just don’t go to plan. If you are concerned that you are not completing the work as set by the teachers, or that things are regularly not going to plan, please use the class email address to contact the teachers who will be only too happy to help you. We understand that it really is a fine balance between home learning and good mental health (and indeed family relationships) during this exceptionally difficult time. We want to be able to support you so do contact us.

If you are a critical worker and your circumstances have changed please email the school. Alternatively, if you have been given a telephone number you can make contact via this number.

You will have received today, a letter from Louis Kunzig our Chair of Governors, regarding the recruitment of a new headteacher. Mr Kunzig will have explained the appointment of Mr Harris; initially on secondment for the 2020-21 academic year.

I have known Mr Harris for a number of years and have worked with him as a headteacher colleague and as part of ODST. I am confident that he will be a fantastic headteacher for Burchetts Green and that when you meet him you will agree with me (some of you may have had contact with him already as out of school he is a local and popular Scout Leader).
If we return before the end of the academic year Mr Harris will have various opportunities to be in school and visit the children. It may also be possible for you to meet him dependent on the social distancing circumstances. If we are unable to re-open during the summer, I will support the hand-over to Mr Harris during the first half term of the new school year.

Meanwhile, stay home, stay safe and please keep in contact – we miss you loads, and we love your photos and messages!!!

Kind regards
Mrs Sheppard