Dear Families,

BeDifferent Federation
A warm welcome back to all of our families, we do hope that you had a lovely break. As we start the summer term, we are delighted to now, officially be part of a three school Federation along with Singlegate and William Morris.

All three schools will be keeping their own individual school names but we are very excited to reveal that the name of our Federation is the BeDifferent Federation. Having seen the transformation made over the last two terms at Lonesome, I have no doubt that Lonesome will continue to go from strength to strength within the Federation.

Mrs Bull is now the Chief Executive Headteacher of the three schools and will lead, manage and guide the three Heads of Schools as they drive forward her vision across the Federation.

Our Senior Leadership Team
Head of School—Ms. Revell
Assistant Head—Mrs Khalfa
Phase leader (Y1-3) - Mr Brennan
Phase Leader (Y4-6) - Mrs Killick
Early Years Phase Leader—Ms. Revell

A new Governing Body will be established this week and will include parents, staff and members of the community represented from each school. We will keep you updated with the Governing Body membership elections over the coming weeks.

Curriculum Themes
Our new curriculum is progressing well and the children are certainly enjoying the topics that we have covered so far this year. Below is a reminder of the topics that the children will be covering this term. We hope that you enjoyed the homework projects that were set at the end of last term and we are looking forward to seeing the children’s work.

Early Years—Minibeast Mayhem
Year 1—Splendid Skies
Year 2—The Scented Garden
Year 3—Tribal Tales
Year 4—Traders and Raiders
Year 5—The Allotment
Year 6—A Child’s War

Mathematics
Mathematics continues to be a key priority for us this year. Mrs Bull and I carried out a Mathematics learning walk at the end of last term and saw lots of lovely collaborative activities planned for the children as well as real enthusiasm for Mathematics from the children and our staff. This term, we will be working with staff to look at ways in which we can ensure that children are given the opportunities to apply their skills to more complex problems and reasoning skills as well as developing their long term memory skills.

VIPERS
Our daily VIPERS sessions continue to help our children to develop their reading skills to include: Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explain, Retrieval and Sequencing. Children and staff are really enjoying the carefully chosen texts and these are closely linked to the curriculum theme for the term. We have seen some fabulous learning taking place throughout the school and we are very excited about the progress the children are making within this area. Well done to all!

Mental Fitness and Daily Mile
Our wellbeing days so far have been a real success and we are delighted with the impact that this has had on the children’s mental wellbeing. The Mindfulness Day was well received across the Federation and we do hope that the children have been sharing some of the activities that they had the opportunity to experience at school.

A huge thank you to all those keen runners who aim to get to school that bit earlier to join us in our Daily Mile. It would be great to see some more of our families join in over the summer term so please do remember that the gates will open at 8:30am for children to join in. We hope to see you there!

Attendance MUFTI’s
This term, we will be introducing a special Mufti Day for all classes that have met or exceeded the National attendance target of 96.1% last half-term. These classes will enjoy a MUFTI Day on Friday 24th May 2019 in recognition of their excellent attendance.

A huge well done to the following classes: Fir, May, Beech and Oak.

Dates for your diary
- Friday 26th April at 9:00 am—Year 1 to Mitcham Common
- Friday 10th May from 9:00 am—Year 1 to Kew Gardens
- Tuesday 15th May—Year 6 SAT’s tests
- Wednesday 22nd May—Years 3 and 4 Federated Rockathon at Singlegate Primary School
- Friday 24th May—MUFTI Day
- Friday 7th June—Key Stage 1 phonics screening
- Friday 18th June—Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day
- Friday 21st June—Reception Sports Day
- Wednesday 26th June—MindFULL or MindFUL Day
- Friday 28th June—all school reports will be sent home