Dear Parents

We are pleased this week to open to our Year 6 pupil and key worker families. Our new routines are working well and the children are settling back in. We are waiting to see what guidance brings so that we are able to welcome back more children.

Congratulations
Congratulations! to Mr Murray on the birth of his daughter Maisy. We wish him and his family all the best for the exciting years ahead.

Phased re-opening for Year 6 pupils
It has been great to see some of our Year 6 pupils in school this week and believe that the children have enjoyed getting back into a work routine and being able to see friends. As the demand for places increases for both Year 6 and keyworkers, the availability of places we can offer decreases. This is due to restrictions imposed by the DfE and are to keep us all safe. We are therefore asking that year 6 parents let the school office know via phone or email, if they intend to send their child to school from June 15th onwards by 12 noon on Thursday 11th June. **We will not be able to offer any Year 6 places after this date.** Thank you to those who have already contacted us with their intent.

We appreciate that many of our Year 6 parents were waiting to see how the situation in school developed before sending the children back, however with priority places allocated to keyworkers, we need firm numbers in order to plan staffing and classroom availability.

Should DfE guidelines regarding social distance change and we can accommodate additional children, we will of course, let you know.

Phased re-opening for Children of Key workers (Year 3, 4 and 5)
The majority of the children have been placed their year group bubble. However, as requests to return are increasing, some of these classes have reached capacity, even though not all children are in every day. It has therefore been necessary to create combined year group bubbles (e.g. year 3/4 or 4/5) in order to continue to offer places to children of key workers. Staff will tailor the work so that it is appropriate to the children in their group. There may come a time however, when we are no longer able to offer spaces to children of key workers, due to staffing capacity and available classroom space. We will keep you updated.
Phonecalls
Even though we have an increasing number of children in school, staff are still making their fortnightly calls to touch base with the children at home. As lockdown has eased, it has become harder for staff to get hold of families, therefore if you have missed a call from the class teacher (no Caller ID), please contact the school office as staff are teaching in school at this time.

Transition
We are aware that some children and parents are anxious about the next academic year and the transition arrangements and staffing. Our immediate focus is to support our Year 6 children moving on to their various secondary schools and our Year 2 children joining the Junior school. We do have plans for transition for children already in Years 3-5, however we are still early in the term and the current situation may change subject to government announcements.

Home learning
Home learning activities continue to be updated weekly on our website. If you need another exercise book, or unable to access the work on line, please contact the office.

Second Hand Uniform
If you have any good quality uniform that your child has grown out of and wish to donate to school for second hand uniform, please drop it into the front office. We particularly welcome any school ties, as these are borrowed on a daily basis.

Weoley Hill Tennis
Attached is a flyer for and membership form for Weoley Hill Tennis club, which offers half price family membership for the year to encourage more people to play. Although some activities are currently on hold, there is access for families and friends to play.

Thank you!
Thank you to all those who have continued to support the school and the staff during this time. We know that many of you are facing challenges at home, and many of our children are missing their friends, but we appreciate all that you are doing also, particularly at this time.

Prayer written by Lauren in Year 6 and read in school this week:
Dear God,
Thank you for bringing us all here today, with our friends and teachers.
Thank you for keeping us and our families safe during lockdown.
Thank you for helping us to be productive and in a focused state of mind for school today.
Thank you for all the key workers helping it to be safe for us to go to parks and schools.
Amen