



Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Children and Parents,

## Summer 2020 - Newsletter 2

Welcome back to Tillington Manor for the second half of our summer term 2020. I hope you are all well.

### Congratulations

A huge well done to children, parents and staff on the way that you have all so rapidly adjusted to the new working arrangements we have had to implement in our school to allow partial re-opening for certain groups. It's all been very different: different classrooms and bubble groups for some; designated work spaces in bubbles; different play areas; staggered starts to the school day and staggered collection times. What hasn't changed, however, has been the fantastic response to yet another change from our school community - your capacity to rise to these challenges continues to really impress me on a daily basis. Well done!

Reminder - we have been asked to remind all children to maintain 2m social distancing when walking home.

### Government Announcement

You will have heard this week that the government has withdrawn their proposal for primary schools to open for all pupils for the last four weeks of the summer term. The government have said that the decision to re-open for all year groups in primary schools must be taken by individual schools but that schools must continue to comply with the current guidelines on group size (no more than 15 in one classroom) and social distancing. Given the number of bubble groups we have already established for Nursery/Reception/Y1/Y6 children and the children of key workers at TMPS, further growth, whilst maintaining the rules currently set out by the government, will be really difficult for us to facilitate. Whilst we are anxious for all children to be back in school as soon as possible, the challenge we are facing, in terms of further increasing the number of children in school at this point, is the fact that we have insufficient rooms and staff available to form new bubble groups whilst ensuring strict adherence to the government's guidelines. In the coming weeks, we will obviously continue to assess our options for providing some form of on-site provision for children beyond N/R/Y1/Y6 and key worker groups before the summer holiday. We will keep you informed.

### Training day

We have a scheduled training day when the school will be closed for all pupils on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020. This training day will be used to refine our plans and to begin to prepare for the new school year in September.



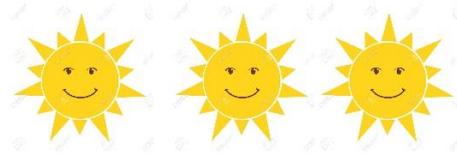
### School Reports

You will receive a summary school report for your daughter/son in the final week of the school's summer term (w/b 13/07/2020). Although the report format will be in summary form, we felt it was really important to acknowledge the children's achievements, despite the interruption to schooling since March 2020.



### Summer Holiday

The school will break up for the annual summer holiday on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Please note that during the designated summer holiday, as in the last few years, there will be **no** holiday care club on our school site. After a period of 21 weeks, during which the school has been open on an almost daily basis, we feel it is essential that all children and staff have a break in preparation for the new school year.



### Training Days in September, 2020

The new school year will start with two training days on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September and Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September and will be closed to pupils. The school is therefore scheduled to open for pupils on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, although at this stage this is subject to government guidelines and directives.

### Staff News

I would like to announce that Mrs Alldritt has retired from her position as Senior Lunchtime Supervisor and that Mrs Cotton is to retire as lunchtime supervisor at the end of June. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mrs Alldritt and Mrs Cotton for their years of dedicated service to our school and for all that they have done to help and support the children in our school. Very best wishes to you both in your retirement.

Congratulations as well to Miss Harrison on the birth of her daughter, Penny. Mother and baby are both doing well.



### Finally

Thank you to all children, parents and staff for their continuing support for all that we do at Tillington Manor Primary School.

Best wishes and stay safe.

I R Goodwin  
Headteacher