

## MEREVALLEY FEDERATION

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parent Carers,

Following on from the government announcements this week I just wanted to update you on our current situation as a school.

We are currently open for Year 6 children and those children whose parents or carers are key workers, as well as those children with EHCPs or that are otherwise vulnerable.

The Government has originally said that they hoped that all primary school aged children could return to school for a month before the end of this academic year. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like children in years 3, 4 and 5 will be able to return at this time. Currently, we need to continue to follow the Government guidance on social distancing and part of this includes teaching children in bubbles of up to 15 children. This means that there are not enough rooms or teachers to accommodate all the year groups, or even one more year group in addition to the children we already have in school. Until the end of the summer term, which is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020, we need children that are not currently attending school to continue to access learning at home via google classroom. Work packs continue to be available for those that cannot access this platform.

We are in the process of sorting out classes for next year and allocating Teachers to each group of children. All current class groupings will remain the same; children will have a new Teacher from September, and you will be informed of who this will be as soon as this information is available. We will be planning transition activities for children to prepare them for returning to school in the autumn term, and details of these activities will be shared with you via google classroom, and alternative methods for those that can't access it. Please rest assured that we are doing everything humanly possible to keep in touch with the children and to keep the Google classroom up to date and relevant.

I would like to thank those of you who have claimed your child's PE bags, due to the weather we couldn't put the lost property and PE bags on display, every day, however, weather permitting, we will display all the items during next week. There are winter hats, trainers, coats, socks, one trainer, T-Shirts, a wallet, scarves and very nice water bottles.

If these items are not claimed they will be taken to the councils recycling centre and be destroyed, most probably they will go in a landfill.

I would like to thank all the children who submitted their Book Reviews, at the moment I am reading two books. Robin in Y6 recommended a book called, Song of 7 by Tonke Dragt and Herman suggested a book with the title of Justice by Chris Ryan. You can see all the Book Reviews on our school's website.

Next week I will announce the name of the winners.

I thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Mathison

