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Dear parent/carer,

This letter is available to watch and translate at <https://youtu.be/FCAMviSJEAs>

Things are on the up!

It has been wonderful to have all of the children back in school. The Junior pupils have returned with tremendous enthusiasm and energy. The quality of their learning has been excellent and the happiness around the school has been a joy to see. Added to the tremendous attitudes shown by the Infant pupils, things are certainly on the up and long may it continue. Your children have been amazing!

It is important to remember that although all pupils have returned to school, this is not a return to normality. The children will continue to remain in class bubbles, and they must not associate outside of school. It is up to us as adults to keep transmission in the community low and stick to all of the rules. This means not meeting in each other's houses, having play dates, sleep overs or playing in the park together etc.

Please work with us to keep everyone safe, it would be a real shame and ultimately very dangerous if people breaking the rules led to positive cases and groups of pupils/staff having to self- isolate.

A reminder

No child must attend school and will not be admitted if they or anyone in their household has symptoms of Covid19. This is essential to keep everyone safe and you will be expected to confirm this with us when you drop off your child. The main symptoms are: a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your



temperature). Please do not give your child Calpol to mask any temperature. A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual). A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Red Nose day –Comic Relief

Again, we will celebrate this wonderful charity event on Friday 19th March. All children can wear something red/non- uniform/party clothes. The cost for this will be a voluntary contribution of £1, with the money being given to the charity. Please could I ask that children do not wear red noses on the day as during the pandemic, they could be a cause to spread the virus if worn on the nose and then left lying around.

Parent/carer meetings

We would usually have meetings with you to discuss your child's progress around this time of the year. Due to the ongoing restrictions and the fact we have been in regular contact with you during the closure, I have decided to postpone these until May. Hopefully by that point you may be able to meet your child's teacher face to face.

Summer Term

I'm hoping that during the summer term, we may be able to do more of the things we enjoy in school such as trips and events. We shall wait for guidance and hopefully things may improve during this period.

Important dates

Friday 26th March – Last day of term before the Easter holidays. This will be a non-uniform day at no cost

Monday 12th April – INSET day (staff training day and school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 13th April – Pupils return to school after the 2 week Easter holidays

Keep safe,

Mr. M.S. Thompson
Headteacher

