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Headteacher's news

It has been wonderful to see so many smiley faces each morning at my 'Good Morning' Zoom session! It is very special and so heart-warming to have time altogether as we support each other in a positive way for the day ahead. Please continue to join me next week.

School staff would like to thank you for your messages of support and the positive feedback on the home learning resources and live learning for years 5 and 6. Everyone is working incredibly hard, managing increased numbers in school, creating home learning resources, recording lessons, responding to children's work etc... while doing everything they can to keep themselves and the children as safe as possible during this challenging time. Your patience and understanding if things don't quite go according to plan (the wonders of modern technology) are very much appreciated.

Due to the number of children we have in school, the vulnerably of some staff and with our drive to deliver live learning to years 3 and 4 there will be some slight organisational changes that will begin next week. I have outlined the arrangements on the next page and hope that we have your continued support moving forward to ensure staff and children are cared for in the best possible way.

Please take a look on Twitter <u>@StCuthbertsCEP1</u> and our website <u>http://www.stcuthberts.leics.sch.uk/</u> for updates, celebrations of children's work and information.

Thank you for your continued support of all we are doing in school to keep the children happy, safe and learning.

Mrs J Hawkins

Covid-19 reminders

Face Coverings

A polite reminder- can ALL parents follow the request from the Director of Public Health and the Director of Children and Family Services, who request that face coverings are worn by parents and carers at school pick up and drop off.

We are also very aware that not all of us will be able to wear a face mask. If this applies to you-please do not worry.

Social distancing on the school site.

Please can ALL parents and visitors adhere to social distancing guidelines whilst on the school site-particularly when coming to collect children at the end of the day.

Reading books

Over this coming weekend, Mrs Guy and Mrs Hawkins will be working on uploading books from our Key Stage one reading scheme on to Blendspace for children to access from home. Please look on our website for links on online books that can be shared with your child.

https://www.stcuthberts.leics.sch.uk/curriculum

Organisation for children in school.

<u>EYFS-</u> No change- Mrs Rickets working in class on a Friday and will be leading home learning planning and resources for EYFS.

<u>Year 1</u>- Hopefully parents are aware of the happy news that Mrs Uppal is expecting her second child and as such has to take extra care while working in school. Therefore, from Monday, year 1 will be treated as one-year group bubble to enable Mrs Uppal to work outside of the classroom on projects to support year 1 home learning so to reduce risks to her and the baby.

What this means for the children and parents in year 1 who are attending school:

- Foxes and Badger's children should arrive and be collected at their normal time and place.
- Miss Sutton and Mrs Edwards will deliver learning activities for the children in school. They
 will use both Foxes and Badgers classrooms to space out the children.
- As one bubble the children can be taught as one group if needed and play outside together as one group.
- Mrs Uppal remains as Foxes class teacher. She will continue to meet with her class on Zoom
 each day as part of the daily catch up, respond to learning that has been sent in, deal with
 worries or requests for support.

<u>Year 2-</u> Working as one bubble. Ms Willoughby and Mrs Langley lead the learning in the morning and Mrs Bains and Mrs Langley in the afternoons. Mrs Guy supports the year 2 team and also the management of the whole school home learning and SEND provision. Mrs Guy remains as Owls class teacher. She will continue to meet with her class on Zoom each day as part of the daily catch up, respond to learning that has been sent in, deal with worries or requests for support.

<u>Year 3-</u> From Monday, Pandas and Koalas will be seen as one bubble. This will support Mrs Stevens and Mr Hirrell in delivering live learning in the morning. The children will work as a whole group but also in their classes throughout the day.

What this means for the children and parents in year 3 who are attending school:

- Panda's and Koalas children should arrive and be collected at their normal time and place.
- Mr Hirrell or Mrs Stevens will deliver learning activities for the children in school. With the other teacher delivering live learning.
- As one bubble the children can be taught as one group if needed and play outside together as one group.
- Mr Hirrell remains as Pandas class teacher and Mrs Stevens Koala's class teacher. They will
 continue to meet with their own classes on Zoom each day as part of the daily catch up,
 respond to learning that has been sent in, deal with worries or requests for support.

<u>Year 4-</u> No change. Mr Hill will deliver two live learning sessions for year 4 children working from home each morning. Giraffes will be supported by Mrs Robinson during these sessions.

Year 5 and 6 remain unchanged.