



Chesham Preparatory School

Headmaster: Mr J S Beale BEd (Hons)

Dear Children and Parents,

I hope you have all had a good week and the children have enjoyed participating in the virtual Sports Day this afternoon. Certainly the children of key workers in school were raring to go this morning dressed in their house colours! It is a wonderful initiative and certainly something to provide a little variety to the usual routine. I am considering having some fun themed days next half-term in order to give all the children some light relief and to add more excitement to proceedings. I know I speak for all the staff when I say how much we are missing everyone and cannot wait for a return to normal. I hope you have had the chance to enjoy the staff video message that was included in the school assembly this morning. If you have not had the chance to see it yet you can find it by following this link:



Virtual Sports Day Friday 22nd May



<https://youtu.be/KllboQmxNHc>

We have been very busy in school preparing for some year groups to return on Monday 1st June. We are still awaiting the Government announcement to confirm this next week and, if the go-ahead is given, I will send a reminder and further details of our provision.

On Monday 1st June school will reopen for all the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and will remain open for the children of key workers.

Due to the necessity of keeping the children in 'social bubbles' and for staffing reasons Nursery will open for three days a week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. A more detailed letter with further information will be circulated to parents of Nursery children this afternoon.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be able to attend school for five days a week. As I mentioned in my letter last week there will be staggered start and finish times to the day. There are plenty of measures we have put in place to ensure the safety of children and staff and to minimise risk but I do want to emphasise that in all of our planning meetings, and with such a dedicated and compassionate staff team, the happiness and wellbeing of the children is always a priority. We will do everything we can to keep the school experience as normal as possible.

One question that has come up a number of times is about school uniform so I thought I would clarify the position. The children do not need to wear school uniform; your child's clothing needs to be washed each day after returning home so wearing suitable and comfortable clothing that can also be worn for sporting activities is ideal.



I am hoping the children were able to see the results of the PTA 'Name the Sloth' competition in assembly today. In case you missed it Nell Edwards was the winner of the newly named, Solo, the sloth and he will be making his way to Nell at a great rate of knots! I am sure you will join me in thanking the PTA Committee for planning such an excellent initiative which generated plenty of interest and some ingenious names.

To finish today I have included this fantastic poem written by Amaliya Morris earlier this week. It really struck a chord.

I hope you all enjoy a fantastic half-term week and I look forward to seeing you all in June.

Best wishes

Mr J Beale
Headmaster

Poem about Hopes and Dreams

I really hope lockdown is over soon
I just can't take another zoom
I really wish I could find a cure
For coronavirus, so I am not insecure

The diseases out there they worry us
Those diseases mean we can't take a bus
We must make sure we wash our hands
In swishy, soapy, swashy, water

Pretty soon I'll go round the bend
If I can not see a friend
I miss the playground, parks and mall
I miss sitting in the Adlington Hall

I can not wait to go back to school
That will be extremely cool

By Amaliya Morris, 5J