

Hartsbourne Herald



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RE: OPENING FOR OTHER YEAR GROUPS: In a statement made in the House of Commons the Secretary of State for Education said that “the Department for Education continues to follow the best scientific advice and that this cautious, phased return of education and childcare settings is the most sensible course of action to take. While we are not able to welcome all primary children back for a full month before the summer, we are working with the sector on the next steps to allow schools that have the capacity to bring back more children in smaller class sizes to do so before the summer holidays. We will provide further details in the coming days.”

This is sad news, but the bottom line is unless we can have larger groups (therefore less distancing) our classrooms cannot accommodate any more children.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE: Some Year 6 children have been wearing necklaces and bracelets. Our rule about jewellery has not changed. For health & safety reasons, jewellery should NOT be worn. Stud earrings and a religious emblem on a chain are permitted. School trousers may be worn, leggings are not school uniform.

Why we ask you to keep your child with you in the morning: *This is to ensure your child sees you following all the rules that relate to transmission of COVID 19 and we reduce the risks that relate to first aid or even emergency hospital treatment to the lowest level. PLEASE help us with this by following all our protocols and home school agreements.*



Many thanks to Mrs Bradley and Mrs Burbage for donating and setting up our Corona Ant Colony (all good colonies need a name (Photo and info on Page 2)).

DIARY DATES

We have a few dates for your information on Page 2. Days for individual groups will be confirmed once we have them all in place. We are unable to invite parents to watch but we feel we should go ahead with a reduced version of sports week. Mr Harper, Mr Parnell and I will be meeting next week to plan a Year 6 'farewell.' As soon as the plans are finalised we will share them with you.

We will also be planning transition for other year groups and, again, once they are finalised we will let you have them. Reports will go out at usual on the 10th July 2020. They will include attainment data up to the end of the spring term and predicted outcomes for Year 2 and Year 6. There will be no progress data.

The office will be contacting parents of new Reception children to book a slot for the new parents virtual meeting on 24th June 2020.

With very best wishes from Mrs Hudson and the staff at Hartsbourne.

DIARY DATES

Sports Week: days tbc	22.6.20
New Reception pupils virtual meeting: times TBC	24.6.20
Reports to parents	10.7.20
Picnic Week days TBC	13.7.20

The government have updated Covid-19 symptoms to the following:

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. Children are likely to become infected with coronavirus (COVID-19) at roughly the same rate as adults, but the infection is usually mild. If anyone has any of the symptoms above they should self-isolate at home and follow medical guidance with regard to testing.

Please do not send your child to school with any symptoms.



The Corona Colony in situ!

The queen arrived early this week and she has been settling in to her new home in the nature reserve.

Children will visit in small groups to see how they're getting on.



Tobey is continuing to create evocative works of art. I hope his family have plenty of frames to display his talents!