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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the start of the new school year and it has been lovely to see all our children looking so happy and excited to be back at school.

Unfortunately, I must start my letter with some sad news by announcing the passing of Mr Geoffrey Collins. Geoff as all the children knew had been a member of staff at our school since June 2002 for some 19 years. He worked principally as a lunchtime supervisor and latterly supporting children with reading at lunchtimes. Geoff was always a great supporter of our school and gave much of his own time to help with such things as our Christmas and summer fairs. He also kindly donated lots of funds to school which of recent times paid for new gym equipment. Geoff will be missed by all of us and we thank him wholeheartedly for all that he did to support the safety, wellbeing and learning of many children over the years.

School Information

Any letters relating to all aspects of school life will be placed on the school website and you will also be sent a text to inform you that new information is available. As a rule we will no longer be sending out paper copies of newsletters and the like and it is important that you do take the time to read things so that you are up to speed with any changes that we may need to make. This is especially important in these unusual times with the pandemic still ongoing.

As an example, we have had many calls into school about the timings of the school day and this information was sent out before the holiday.

To confirm those times:

The school doors will be open to receive children from **8.45am** when the gates will be opened until **9.00am** when the register will be taken. Please note that the one way system will still be in place. Children will have morning work on their arrival.

School will end at 3.10pm for reception and Years 1 and 2 (Monday to Friday).

For Year 3, year 4 year 5 and year 6 school will end at 3.15pm and again the one way system will remain at pick up time (Monday to Friday).

Please also note that these times will include Fridays when school will revert to finishing at the same time.

Our Nursery times will remain as they are now.

Head Teacher **Mr P Lord**

Morning session from **8.45am to 11.45am**

Afternoon session **12.20pm to 3.20pm**

We would ask that you always check our website before calling school.

School Holidays

As you know there is to be an extra bank holiday next year to mark the Queens platinum jubilee. Schools have been informed by the government that they can take an extra day's holiday next year in lieu of this extra bank holiday. Please see the revised holiday list for 2021-2022 for when this day will be, which can be found on the school website.

COVID 19 suspected cases

Although we are seeing the end of most restrictions at this time it is still very important that we all remain vigilant and do our best to mitigate any chance of transition and spread. If you or children are showing any signs or symptoms it is still very important that you get tested and inform school immediately. Please do not send your children into school if you are at all concerned until you have checked. Likewise if any member of your family catches COVID we would ask that your children are tested regularly using a lateral flow test before they are sent into school. LF test kits can be provided by school. Again thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School Clubs

We are intending that after school clubs will begin the week beginning Monday 13th September. So please look out for information about this next week and particularly so for those clubs run by Mr Knowles.

Money

The office will remain cashless and all payments are to be made online. From next Friday weekly reminders will be sent out providing balances of all outstanding amounts. Please ensure that dinner money is paid **in advance** for the week ahead.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mr P.J.Lord

Head Teacher **Mr P Lord**