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Weekly Note from Mrs See...

We've had a lovely week enjoying the continuing summery weather and making the most of spending as much time as we can outside. We are very proud of all our children who have shown great enthusiasm being back in school and have all been working very hard.

We have spent the first couple of weeks back settling children into the school routine again and carrying out some baseline work to identify what gaps in learning there are following such a long period of absence from 'normal' school. This will help inform our teaching and learning plans going forward for the rest of this term to ensure that there is support for children 'catching up' and are where we would expect them to be. This is very varied as it depends on the different experiences children have had with 'School at Home' and the amount of time out of school. The next step in our plan is for teachers to contact parents of those children who we feel require some additional support and arrange a meeting or phone call to keep you informed of plans for supporting children going forward. This will also enable us to share ways in which parents can continue their wonderful support at home too.

Details re. The event of School Closure or Staff Absence

We are doing all we can in school to maintain good hygiene procedures and keeping the risk of virus transmission as low as possible. We thank all parents for supporting us with this outside of school too. As the school is classed as one bubble, in the event of a member of staff or child in school or pre-school, testing positive, it would mean that for two weeks (or longer if more test positive during this) the school would have to close to allow for everyone in our bubble to self-isolate. If this were the case we would contact parents as soon as possible to explain the details for this.

We also need to be prepared for if staff have to isolate/seek a test if they show symptoms themselves (or anyone in their own households shows symptoms). If this were to happen we may find ourselves in a situation where we are short staffed and not able to operate as we normally would. If this were the case we may need to fold classes together to ensure adequate staffing levels are maintained. In the



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event of any enforced school closure or if children need to be at home isolating with their household, we will provide 'School at Home' resources as we did during lockdown.

Summer Reading Challenge *Note from the library service...*

The Silly Squad **Summer Reading Challenge** will finish on 30th September. This has been a very different Summer Reading Challenge; we missed visiting you at school, and welcoming you pupils in libraries, and are already looking forward to running a more traditional event next year.

We do have some medals available for children who have taken part they can be collected from libraries while stocks last. Please remind children that they can print off their certificate from the [Silly Squad](#) website when their Challenge is complete. We hope children have enjoyed taking part this year, and setting their own Challenge goals.

We have a **fantastic drawing challenge** for children – all children have to do is draw a silly character and email it to DLSLibrarians@dorsetcc.gov.uk. Completed drawings will be transformed into an animation or slide show by community artist Lucy Jackson. This is a great opportunity for children to get creative and have fun. Closing date for entries is 1st October, and the animation will be available from October half term.



Snack - we now have the government funded fruit and veg scheme in school again, so all children up to Y2 have a snack provided in school. For older children who would like a snack please send in a healthy, ideally, fruit or veg snack for morning break.

PE and Forest School Kit - just a reminder that PE kits should be worn on Monday morning please. (Not for Reception children though.) Forest School Kit can be worn all day on Thursday, with a separate pair of shoes to change into for the outdoor activity.



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Celebration Awards for this week...

Well done to our superstar award winners this week:

Reception - Wilfred

Year 1&2 - Katie

Year 3 - Alexa

Year 4 - Hope

DASP Citizens - Daniel J

Lunchtime - Lars & Sophie

