

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

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Friday 19th June

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

How are you all? - I hope you are all staying safe and taking care of each other. We have been busy in school thinking about transition for next year and how we can make this safe for staff and pupils. We will be organising some socially distanced picnics on the field in 'bubbles' before the end of this term. We will not be able to have groups bigger than 15 so it will not be possible to have all the children together. The children will get to say goodbye to their current class teacher and meet their teacher and teaching assistant for next year. Please keep a look out for newsletters from their current class teachers with more details. Our staff are a creative bunch - they are also producing virtual class photos using avatars of the children - please keep a look out for these - I think they are fab! I have been speaking to Bill Vennart about accessing the Church to film a year 6 Church service to share the children's favourite memories (I will definitely not be singing!). Please keep a look out for a letter from Miss Brown with more details about how we can safely say goodbye to our lovely Falcons. I do hope you all saw the facebook message regarding the autograph books:

The YR 6 Autograph Books are now ready!! In order to get the messages written onto the autograph books there will be some labels outside Mrs Humphries house - 7 Chilton Square (on a table in the garden) from Monday's 15th June. Please collect labels (adhering to social distancing of course) for the children in Yr 6 to take home and write their personal message to their classmates. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR NAME AND THE RECIPIENT NAME ON THE MESSAGE. Please return to Mrs Humphries so they can be stuck in. We will ensure that all books will be delivered to the YR 6's - somehow 2 messages per label please as we are restricted on pages available.

A big thanks to Carole Cook and Kim Humphries for organising this. I know that Miss Brown will enjoy putting these together.

As we expected, our bubbles are filling up with keyworkers as people go back to work. Our sensible and pragmatic approach means that we are able to accommodate this. The government and local authority have been very clear that the priority groups are vulnerable pupils and key workers. Some schools have found themselves in the unfortunate position of having to close year 6 bubbles to accommodate key workers - this must be very unsettling for staff, parents and pupils. Thank you all for your support and patience during this unsettling time - I really do appreciate it. We have always tried to make the safest decisions for our staff, pupils, school and community.

We await guidance as to what school will look like in September - we have no details so far and headteachers have not yet been consulted about thoughts on practicalities etc. We will of course keep you updated as soon as we hear anything, I understand and share your frustrations around this.

As always, I am in school everyday so please do give the school a call if there is anything that you would like to discuss.

Take care and see you all soon

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher