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Dear Parents

As we get ever closer to the end of term, I want to update you on some revised end-of-term arrangements, as well as give you the most up-to-date information about the Autumn Term ahead.

Year 6 will now leave on Wednesday 15th July at 12:15pm (not Thursday 16th July as planned). This is to allow the opportunity for the rest of the school to experience a 'Move-up Moment'. 'Move-up Moment' will provide an opportunity for children moving up to Years 1-6 in September to meet their new class teacher. In order to comply with government guidance, we will need to structure the day so we can clean classes in-between sessions and minimise risk of possible contamination between bubbles. The taster sessions will therefore run as follows:

Year 1 – 8:45am -10:00am (Mrs Saddington)

Year 3 - 8:45am -10:00am (Mr Feldon)

Year 5 – 8:45am -10:00am (Miss Wykes)

Year 2 – 11:00am -12:15pm (Mrs Saddington)

Year 4 – 11:00am -12:15pm (Mr Feldon)

Year 6 - 11:00am -12:15pm (Miss Wykes)

Parents will need to bring the children to school for each relevant session and collect them at the end of the allotted time. Children will need to go straight to their new classroom for their session (Foxes and Badgers should enter via the decking gate, whilst Otters and Owls should come in through the back entrance door).

These arrangements are quite complex, so just to be clear, children currently in school (R, Y1, and Key Workers) will all say goodbye to their teachers at their normal time on Wednesday afternoon next week. They will then come into school on Thursday morning **only** for their 'Move-up Moment'. Year 6s will not be in school at all that day, as they will have finished on Wednesday at 12.15pm.

Whilst we realise that this may cause some disruption for parents, the morning session will provide an invaluable chance to reconnect with the school (for those children who haven't been able to return to school as yet), but also provide the children with the chance to allay possible anxieties about the new academic year ahead.

Year 6 End of Term Events

You will be aware that Year 6 have been experiencing some fantastic events in school of late: mountain biking and graffiti art, to mention just two. Mr Feldon has been working hard to ensure that children have the best possible send off in these unprecedented times. Unfortunately, though, we are unable to hold the Y6 Leavers' Assembly as planned. Direct advice has been issued from the Local Authority, which



means we are unable to hold a traditional assembly in school or on the playground. I know you will be greatly disappointed by this news, as indeed we are. However, Mr Feldon will be coordinating an online Leavers' Assembly, using Zoom. This will be held on Wednesday 15th July at 11:00am. School will end at 12:15pm for the current Year 6. I am aware that many parents have been working hard to plan celebrations to follow on from this.

Autumn Term

You will no doubt be aware that Boris Johnson has made it clear that he intends for all children to be back in school in September. Unless there is a second spike, and we are told by the government or LA to close, we will be open for business in September. We anticipate that all children will return on Wednesday 2nd September. Please be aware though that we **will not be able to accommodate a flexi-time approach**. Provision at Horsley Primary will be offered on a full-time basis, Monday – Friday in line with the normal rule of thumb.

The plan is to have two 'bubbles' in September, one for infants and one for juniors. The drop-off and pick-up times for each bubble will be slightly staggered. Please see below:

Reception:	8:45am (see timetable for weeks 1-2)	Year 1/2:	9:00am-3:15pm
Year 3/4:	8:45am-3:00pm	Year 5/6:	9:00am-3:15pm

Initially, Reception children will be starting and ending the school day at different times as part of a phased entry to the school. If you are the parent of a child in Reception, you will have been given details of this by Miss Kibble.

I am aware that some parents have really enjoyed teaching their children from home. If you are intending to home-school your child from September, please notify the office as soon as possible so that we can make your child's place available to another family; there is currently a waiting list for some classes. There will be a real effort to make September as normal as possible. A revised risk assessment will be in place for the new term, in line with newly published government guidance. This will be made available on the school website.

You will now be fully aware that schools (like other organisations) have had to respond to an ever changing brief. Sometimes the advice has come very late in the day (e.g. announced to schools and parents at the same briefing, the day before the changes take place). If there are any changes which we are made aware of, we will keep you posted. Throughout the Summer Holidays, texting (and letters sent via text prompts) will be a key way of communicating, should the need arise.

Finally, as we go into the final week, we will not be issuing any Learning Packs for the final week of term. You have all been doing an amazing job of juggling work with your children's learning, as well as their emotional wellbeing, and you all deserve a break!

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Yours faithfully

Gary Price
Headteacher

