



**Books are a uniquely portable magic** *Stephen King*

**4<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

### A Unique Week

This week marked the beginning of a new journey for many families. The children of Key Workers were joined in school by children in Foundation Stage, Year 1, and Year 2. We are extremely proud of the transition the children have made, coming into a school very different to the one they left. Some have new teachers, and some are in different groups than many of their peers are in. Assemblies, break times, and lunch times are run on tight timetables in specific areas. Some equipment has been removed, and they are all working at their own desks. But..... **NEW** friends have been made, **NEW** games enjoyed, **NEW** equipment being played with, **NEW** books are being read, **NEW** art projects being created. We have all settled into our new normal and the children are as **JOYFUL** and **RESILIENT** and **HOPEFUL** and **LOVING** as we knew they would be.

This is also a strange transition for those families still at home. Many have chosen to stay at home, and many would like to come to school and haven't been given the opportunity. To **ALL** those still at home we are **STILL HERE** for you. We still **LOVE** seeing all the amazing work you're doing, we are still responding to emails, and we're still just on the other end of a phone call. We may feel further apart than we ever have during this crisis, and it may seem even more complicated and confusing as we travel through this next phase, but we really are all in this together – even though we each have our own very specific set of circumstances.

***"I Can Do Things You Cannot, You Can Do Things I Cannot; Together We Can Do Great Things." Mother Teresa***



**If you could be a character in a book, who would you be?**

#### Foundation Stage Winning Answer by Evie-J in Red Squares

*I would be Tiddler so I can be a fish and tell stories*

#### Key Stage 1 Winning Answer Isabella Munyenya in Year 3

*I would be Harriet Tubman (a real life character) because she was kind, caring, helped people and she took people to freedom*

#### Key Stage 2 Winning Answer by Cameron in Year 5

*I would be Peter Hawthorn from the hunger games because he is action packed and really clever and brave*

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**CELEBRATING EACH OTHER, AND THE JOURNEY WE ARE ON**

## Important Changes to Dates

To help maintain consistency in school and help keep the children settled, the Governors have decided to move the non-pupil day that was scheduled to be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, to the last day of term – **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.**

As we're sure you can imagine, we are not able to organise a traditional Sports Day this year. We are hoping however to arrange a Fun Day of Sports for all children in school and at home at some point this half term.

We are having lots of discussions, and have loads of ideas and plans in the making, regarding the various Year 6 Leaver's Activities we would like to organise. We don't yet know what the government guidelines will be, but we are going to do EVERYTHING we can to celebrate our Year 6 children as much as we can. Depending on what we are allowed to do, we hope to hold a Leaver's Assembly in some way on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** at 9:30am; and have a Leaver's Fun Day on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**.

*We will of course keep you as up to date as we can on these things.*

## Drop Off Times

Thanks to your amazing co-operation, drop off has been so slick we are able to change the times slightly to get children in a little quicker. Collection times will remain the same, but from Monday drop off times are:

8:50: House 5 & House 6  
8:55: House 3 & House 4  
9:00: House 1 & House 2

## Lots of Activities and Learning and Games at Home and at School

