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SUMMER 2 PARENT/CARER UPDATE 05.06.20

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well and enjoyed the good weather last week? I'd like to send my very best wishes to all of our Muslim families who celebrated Eid over half term. I hope you had a lovely day with your families.

As you can imagine, this week has been busier than ever, therefore there is a lot to update…

Home Learning
Thank you for another great week of home learning. As ever, if you have any issues or questions regarding the online work set, please contact your child's class teacher via the blog or by sending an email to office@lostock.bolton.sch.uk. As I mentioned in my letter before half term, we are welcoming more children back into school, which means that all our staff will be required to teach and support small groups/bubbles in school, in addition to setting online work and providing feedback to children online. The online learning will continue to be set in the 'usual' way, however, feedback may only be provided at the end of the school day (once pupils in school have gone home). This is in-line with our original School Closure Curriculum Policy (see the school website). Any urgent queries can still be dealt with by contacting the school office.

Wider Opening (Key Workers, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6)
The government announced that the 'Five Tests' have indeed been met and therefore plans to open the school to more pupils can go ahead. We have ensured a thorough risk assessment is in place, with health and safety our number one priority. If your child is eligible and you communicated your intention to send your child back to school before half term, you will have received a letter already, outlining your child's bubble, drop off and collection time. Please remember to sign the parent/carer agreement and bring back to school by the first day of school. A couple of reminders: children must come to school in their own clothes (practical for both indoor and outdoor learning, including PE); KS1 children are entitled to a Free School Meal (in the form of a grab bag); KS2 children must bring in their own packed lunches and there will be no school snacks until further notice (children may choose to bring in a snack or a KS1 lunch from home). We are very much looking forward to seeing you and your children again!

NB: If you said 'no' to a school return or did not communicate your intention, please do NOT send your child to school. I understand that some of you may wish to change your decision as we move through the term. However, planning for wider opening was based on numbers collated prior to half term and any changes can only take place if we have the capacity and would need to meet the requirements of our strict risk assessment, approved by the Local Authority. Therefore, even if we can facilitate the request, this may involve a wait of up to two weeks. Please email the school office with any questions.

REMINDER: Parent/Carer Questionnaires and Postcards to Children
Parent/Carer questionnaires and postcards to all children were sent out in the post before half term. Thank you so much to those who have already posted theirs back to school. If you have yet to complete yours, please can you complete the questionnaire and return to school (by post or by scanning and emailing the school office) preferably before your child returns to school (whether that is June, July or September) to enable us to plan the very best support for your child and your family. Children's postcards should also be completed before their return and either sent with the questionnaires or brought into school on their first day back in school.

NHS Bolton: Well-Being and Mental Health Support
NHS Bolton have sent some useful information to school. A guide to looking after yourself and others, focusing on mental health and well-being, is attached to this email and is also on the school website. I hope you find it useful.

Communal Displays: We are…
Over the last few weeks, we asked our children (both via home learning and at school with our key worker children) to produce some work for our communal displays. The theme focuses on the positives from the whole 'lockdown experience'. The work the children have produced is phenomenal, and as ever, our teachers have been utterly creative and magical in the way they have showcased each piece. Each display has gone up this week and will remain up until the end of the Autumn Term to enable everyone to have the chance of seeing them. There are 7 display boards, with titles as follows:

We are hopeful
We are thankful
We are proud
We are resilient
We are mindful
We are eco friendly
We are family

I hope you enjoy the snapshots of each display below.















Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Vicki Guest
Headteacher