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SUMMER 2 PARENT/CARER UPDATE 26.06.20

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all still safe and well. I'd like to provide you with as much information as possible about the next few weeks and beyond…

Summer Holidays
The Summer Term will end for all pupils (including children of key workers) **week ending Friday 17th July**. This means that the last possible day of school provision for key workers will be Friday 17th July. Online learning set by teachers will also end for the summer break on Friday 17th July. 'Bubbles' of eligible children will enjoy their last day in school on:

Bubble	Last day in school
Reception Bubble 1	Tuesday 14th July
Reception Bubble 2	Thursday 16th July
Year 1 Bubble 1	Tuesday 14th July
Year 1 Bubble 2	Thursday 16th July
Year 1 Bubble 3	Tuesday 14th July
Year 1 Bubble 4	Thursday 16th July
Year 6/Sibling Bubble	Wednesday 15th July

Plans for September
The government has announced that schools will be open to all pupils from September and we cannot wait! However, as yet, we are still awaiting the government guidance, so cannot confirm exactly what this will look like until we receive more information. I will, of course, update you further as soon as possible.

Staffing 2020/21
It is that time of year again and plans for September have been made with the children as highest priority. I want to ensure all our children continue to be happy in school and enjoy a smooth transition into the next year group. This is more important than ever after such a long break from school.

Firstly, we have to say 'goodbye' to Miss Lynch at the end of the Summer Term. As you may already be aware, Miss Lynch stepped down in her role as Deputy Headteacher last year, continuing as our part time Year 5 teacher, allowing her more time to pursue her own business venture. I am thrilled to report that this has been so successful, she is ready to commit to her business full time. However, very sadly, this does mean she has to leave Lostock Primary School. We will miss her very much indeed but of course wish her well. We will look forward to seeing her in September as one of our parents…

Mrs Frimu recently returned from maternity leave, but understandably is missing being a full time mummy to her beautiful daughter. Therefore, she will also be leaving us at the end of term. Again, we are very sad to see her go, but we fully support her decision. Liesel is a lucky little girl!

Finally, Miss Venner will be leaving us at the end of the term to pursue a life long dream of working abroad. She has been successful in getting a teaching contract in Qatar and although again, sad to leave us here at Lostock, very excited about the future. Miss Venner will be missed but we wish her the very best.

Therefore, staffing for September will be as follows:

- **Reception**: Mrs Prendergast (supported by Mrs Bennison)
- **Year 1:** Miss Cheema (supported by Ms Pennington)
- **Year 2:** Miss Yates (supported by Mrs Hatami)
- **Year 3:** Mr Kelly (supported by Mrs Cafferty)
- **Year 4:** Mrs Backhouse – maternity cover for Mrs Sowden (supported by Mr Hargrove)
- **Year 5:** Miss Tunstall (supported by Mrs Hainey)
- **Year 6:** Mrs Barnes-Gray (supported by Mrs Melling)
- Miss Cox and Mrs Allen will continue to support children across the school.

Miss Yates completed her teacher training at Lostock Primary School a few years ago and has since covered two maternity leaves for us. Therefore, as a fully committed member of our Lostock Family already, I was thrilled to offer her a permanent contract from September. She is excited about taking her current Year 1 class up to Year 2.

Miss Cheema is a fantastic, experienced teacher, joining Lostock Primary School to take up the post of Year 1 teacher. She has a background in Early Years and has been the Year 1 teacher at her current school for the last two years. She is ready and raring to go and cannot wait to meet the Reception class in their transition session (see details below).

Mrs Backhouse is also joining the team in Year 4, covering Mrs Sowden's maternity leave… Again, we are lucky to have such a wonderful, experienced teacher, who is also excited to meet her new class during transition.

Reception to Year 5 Transition and Reports
We would like to welcome EVERY child back from Reception to Year 5 for a short transition session in the last few days of term. Understandably, these will be very different to our usual 'Flying Up Days', but we feel that our plan will provide some reassurance to the children, ending the year in a positive way, whilst adhering to all of the current government guidance and school policies. Up to 15 children per 30 minute session will have the opportunity to say 'goodbye' to their current class teacher, 'hello' to their new class teacher and have some fun with their class mates. This will also be an opportunity for reports to be hand collected from school. (If parents/children do not wish to attend, or cannot attend, reports will be posted to your home address in the last week of term.) Although not the way we anticipated we would end the school year, we hope your children will find it beneficial to at least end the year 'properly'. Please note, these sessions are in addition to the timetabled days in school for Reception, Year 1, Year 6, vulnerable children and children of key workers. A letter from your child's class teacher will be sent out in a separate email.

Year 6 'Goodbye' and Reports
As we have discussed previously, we are still hoping to invite all Year 6 children back for a celebration in the Autumn Term, when social distancing measures are relaxed. We want Year 6 to get together as a whole class, enjoy a party and mark the end of their time at Lostock Primary School in a fun, positive way. A letter will be emailed to parents and children when a plan has been formulated.

In the meantime, despite being unable to do an arch of honour on the last day, we'd love to invite Year 6 children and their parents to collect their reports and say 'goodbye' in a 'walk of honour' around school on the last day of term. We promise to make it as special as it can be. A letter will be sent out in a separate email with further details.

Congratulations Mr and Mrs Sowden!
Finally, huge congratulations to Mrs Sowden and her family on the birth of their beautiful little girl, Esmé Martha Sowden.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Yours faithfully,

Vicki Guest
Headteacher