



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Gosh...well we made it! I have to say, it has been so lovely seeing you all over the last couple of days - I cannot believe how much all of our little people have grown! The children have loved seeing each other too and I think we've all felt quite emotional. I would like to say, once again, thank you for all of the support we have received over the last few weeks. We are truly grateful for your ongoing understanding and appreciation.

However, as we approach the end of term our thoughts turn to...what happens next? We are certainly planning on welcoming back all of the year groups in September. However, I have no doubt that guidance will change over the coming weeks. I will, therefore, write to you all again in August to share final details and arrangements for the start of term.

In the meantime, after discussions with our Governing Board last week, I am now in a position to share with you the start dates for each of the year groups for September.

- **Tuesday 1st September - INSET Day**
- **Wednesday 2nd September - INSET Day**
- **Thursday 3rd September - Years 3 and 6 only**
- **Friday 4th September - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**
- **Monday 7th September onwards - Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6**
- **Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd September onwards - Year R Groups 1 and 2**

We have taken the decision to stagger the start of term for classes/year groups. Although guidance from the DfE has been updated, you will understand that there continues to be many factors, which must be taken into account in order to plan for next term.

Along with the ongoing safety measures there remains the consideration 'bubble' size, deployment of staff within those 'bubbles', allocation of rooms and outdoor areas, along with use of equipment and resources. The systems we have had in place this term have worked well but with the return of all the children these will need to be adapted. A staggered start will allow us to test out our systems; these systems will also include arrangements for drop off and pick up each day.

A staggered start would allow us to welcome back first the year groups who have not been in school since March. We can also provide further induction for those children joining the Brockham base from the Leigh site.

As I say, I will write again during August with more detailed information but in the meantime on behalf of the staff and governors I wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher