



Summer 2 Newsletter



May we start by again saying a '**massive thank you**' to all our Parents and Carers for your support, patience, positivity and overall true commitment to our school through what is such a difficult time for us all.

We are pleased with how parents and carers have supported and respected the school places we have made available for children of keyworkers. We continue to accommodate this as best we can with the classrooms and staffing we have. It is really important that if you can work from home you continue to do so and that we keep these places for those who have no alternative child care available.

Wider opening of school

We have twenty-one Y6 children attending school from 15th June. Some are children of keyworkers and the others are attending on a part-time basis. Our school development planning fully focuses on pupil and staff mental health and wellbeing and it will be on the school website shortly. We really believe that children cannot learn unless their mental, physical and emotional wellbeing is good, this also applies to staff working in challenging situations. We will certainly be following our 5 R's and allowing children to settle back into school as best they can as individuals, supporting them in their learning journey and ensuring we are all safe and well. This will continue in September and when we know how and when this will happen we will update our school community.

In school

Staff continue to work on a rota basis in school and when not on the rota are working from home. Steve-our caretaker continues to do a good job to keep our school clean ensuring all correct health and safety guidelines are followed. All rooms have "Handwash and cleaning" stations. All children are supervised when using the toilet and staff clean all areas after use and regularly. All areas have a thorough clean on each day and a deeper clean mid-week.

School Premises

The outside of school will be painted over the summer holidays, all windows will be re-sealed and some pointing of the building will take place. The work on the EYFS playground is still at the "design" stage and we will inform you as we progress. We have a new polytunnel where our vegetables are really coming on nicely. Thankyou to parent and grandparent helpers with this super achievement.

Classes for September 2020

We still have some pupil end of year reports in school, these also contain a letter regarding classes and teachers for September 2020. Please can you collect your child's as soon as possible if you have not already done so. We will continue to have 6 classes in school from September onwards.

Staffing News

Mrs Evans has made the decision to retire from teaching in July 2020. She has worked at our school for a number of years and we will all miss her and wish her every happiness in her new life.

We have had internal interviews for the position which will be 2 days teaching in Y2 with Mrs Beckett and 2 days covering teacher PPA time. Miss Millward was successfully appointed and will be part time from September 20.

Finally.....

"Well Done "to all you Two Gates children. The work on Twitter continues to be super and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

We are all looking forward to a new academic year.
We will inform you of plans regarding September when we are able.

Kind Regards to everyone

The staff at Slaithwaite C.E J.I School