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Dear Families,

Apologies for another letter so soon after the publication of our latest newsletter! This one is less about learning and more about practicalities about the rest of this year and looking to next academic year.

Risk Assessment:
The DfE has indicated that the established guidance which has been in place for schools to date has not changed and should therefore still be followed until such times that the national policy on easing lockdown changes. This will mean that with huge regret, as we had already suggested, we will not be able to invite parents to attend sports day or the summer production.

Year 6/7 transition:
We are aware that there may be changes to the planned events for supporting Year 6/7 transition. As soon as we have heard from our local secondary schools, we will be in touch with you to let you know what has been planned.

Saying goodbye:
We will be sad to say goodbye to two members of our support team this July.
Miss Jenny Taylor arrived with us two years ago and during this time has supported learning in a number of different year groups, most recently in Penguins class. Jenny has been such an amazing member of our school family, sharing with us her creativity, artistic talents and sense of fun.
Mrs Janette Mitten has been supporting learning with the Koala class during her two years with us at Fishbourne. Janette has brought so much to our staff team, her calm, kind presence has supported so many children in the classroom. We have been so lucky to share Janette's talents and she leaves behind several fabulous projects that she has worked on during her time here, including our school banner.

We will be really sad to wave Jenny and Janette off in July but we know they will go on to make the world a better place to be elsewhere.



Our Tiger class will be off to pastures new in September and this is an opportunity to say how very proud we are of them. Of all the cohorts that have journeyed through our school, they have really missed out on so many of the significant events that children look forward to… from sitting on the benches in assembly, to swimming in the Cormorants gala, from going on residential to Fairthorne Manor, to performing to large audiences in the summer production, from being book buddies with our youngest fish to showing prospective parents around our school. There are so very many things that our Tiger class have missed out on this academic year and for this we are incredibly sad. Needless to say, we have many plans up our sleeves to give them a special and heartfelt send-off but right now we acknowledge their incredible resilience and understanding of the uncertain situation we find ourselves in.
Tiger class, you are incredible and we are very proud of each and every one of you.

We were also saddened to learn that the Rev Canon Moira will be departing from Fishbourne following a period of ill health. We will very much miss Moira and all the wonderful gifts she shared with us during her time in Fishbourne,

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touching the lives of so many of our little fish. A huge thank you to her for all the love, guidance and care she has shared with so many of us.

We are also losing another member of our team this summer, our chair of Friends of Fishbourne School, Helen Wren. Helen has served our school community (for more years than she would care to have highlighted!) as her boys have gone through the school and been such a wonderful role model for making our school a better place to be. We are so thankful for our generous contributions to school life and for steering FOFS with such kindness and inclusivity throughout her time.

Transition:
Children will all be moving into their new classes in September and we know this will be particularly significant this academic year as many of our children have had the same teacher for two consecutive academic years. Building positive relationships is essential because we know meaningful learning takes place when we have meaningful relationships.
With this in mind, we have a number of transition sessions booked for the children to enjoy meeting and getting to know their new teacher(s) on a regular basis in the coming weeks. Initially this will involve your child's new class teacher visiting them in their classrooms on Thursday afternoons and then we will hold our usual 'meet your teacher' morning on Wednesday 7th July when they will spend an extended period of time together in their new classroom. We will be doing extensive hand-over between members of staff too and this will take place in a number of different ways during the course of the rest of this summer term.

Class	Teaching team
EYFS (yet to be named!)	Mrs Emily Harris and Mrs Debbie Whitaker
Crocodiles	Mrs Tessa Allen (Mon/Tue) and Mrs Becca Goodman (Wed-Fri) Mrs Carter and Mrs Gregory
Hippos	Miss Gaby Axelsen and Mrs Anita Ball
Elephants	Mrs Catherine Williams, Mrs Clare Akehurst and Mrs Cristina Dumitriu
Penguins	Mrs Chris Rinaldi (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Steph Treagust (Wed-Fri), Mrs Harvey and Mrs Oldfield
Koalas	Mrs Emma Woolnough, Mrs Cathy Huxtable, Mrs Oldfield
Panthers	Mrs Buchan, Mrs Brown, Mrs Dumitriu and Mrs Gregory

We are also thrilled that Curtis will continue to be our Sports Coach, providing each class with two PE sessions a week throughout the next academic year.

Reports:
Our teaching team are working incredibly hard behind the scenes to write the children's end of year reports. You may remember that earlier in the year we wrote to you to let you know that our usual mid-year learning review reports would not take place due to being in lockdown and that we would postpone these until later in the term. We will be writing to you again later in the half term to let you know what to expect in these reports and how we will be reporting attainment differently this academic year, in line with guidance received from the DfE,

Uniform:
We are aware that some of our children are wearing trainers currently and that school uniform has been tricky at different points during the school year as a result of shops being shut. However, we request that all the children are wearing their correct uniform on our return in September, including proper school shoes (please note that children should not wear boots to school, even in the winter) and PE kits.
Hair long enough to be tied back must be at all times when the children are in school.
We have adapted our PE kit to ensure that those children wishing to do so, may wear black shorts moving forward. The children starting with us in Reception class and those replacing PE kit as the children grow out of it, should please purchase black PE shorts.
Leavers Hoodies for children in Year 6 must only be worn for trips, the residential visit and for PE sessions.

If you have any questions about anything raised in this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.
Every best wish,

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