



Tuesday 9th March 2021

Dear Parents,

We are all back together again!

It has been wonderful to have everybody back together again. I know I speak for all the staff when I say that we felt quite emotional yesterday seeing the children flooding through the gates.

I am all too aware of what are now becoming rather over used phrases – so many of my letters referring to ‘unprecedented times’ and ‘challenging circumstances,’ as well as wanting to ensure that you are all safe and well. But these remain applicable. I know that the past few months have been really difficult but you have done such a great job in supporting your children through home learning and, for those of you with children in school, thank you for your kind messages.

The sun is shining today and hearing children’s voices in each classroom and seeing full playgrounds again brings much joy, and indeed hope.

As mentioned in previous correspondence, we have planned what we hope is a particularly enjoyable and supportive week for the children being altogether again. We recognise that it will take a little time for children to settle back into our routines and some classes are also welcoming new children to Barrow Hedges.

Hopefully you will have seen that we continue to make improvements to the school even through lockdown. We have a new palisade fence adjacent to the field at Harbury Road and down the Harbury path. Additionally, the back staff car park fence has been replaced with a new higher one. Inside the building, areas of the school have been re-decorated. There are many new displays. We also feel it is important to celebrate just how much the children achieved during this past term and so some of these include examples of work undertaken by the children at home.



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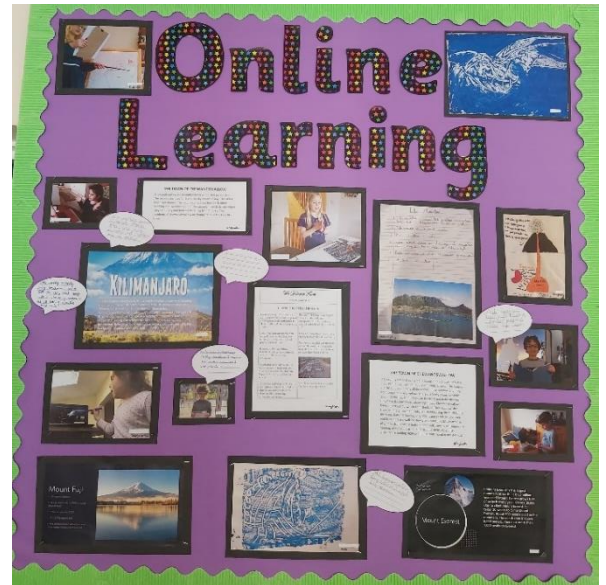
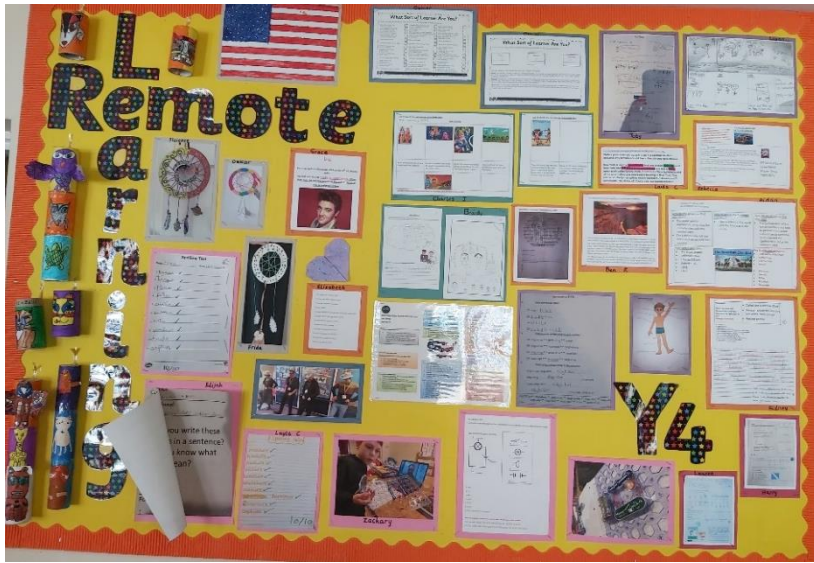
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We are so very proud of their hard work and resilience. Thank you again to parents.



Parent Teacher Consultations – 23rd, 24th and 25th March 2021 – for Reception to Year 6

I am sure you will appreciate that we delayed our Spring Term Parent Teacher Consultations due to the partial closure of schools due to national lockdown. We have now scheduled these for Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th March. These meetings will be on Microsoft Teams, the usual ten minutes allocated per child. Nursery will be contacted separately about how we will update you about your child's progress.

The booking system for Parent/Teacher Consultations will go live tonight at 6pm. You will be able to book your appointments once you receive the PMX notification. The window for online bookings will close one week before each session - for Tuesday appointments at 3.30pm on Tuesday 16th March, Wednesday for appointments at 4.30pm on Wednesday 17th March and for Thursday appointments at 3.30pm on Thursday 18th March.

You will receive an invitation to the Teams meeting by no later than Monday 22nd March.

If you have more than one child please try to leave at least a ten minute gap between appointments. As we have a limited amount of appointments, as per our policy on our website, we would request that separated parents join the same meeting for their child's consultation(s).

Thank you for your ongoing support and here's to happier days ahead.

Kind regards,

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