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Dear Parents and Carers

Step 4 of the Roadmap – Monday 19 July

- The Government's intention is that from step 4 children will no longer need to be in consistent groups ('bubbles'), and schools will not be required to routinely carry out contact tracing, which will help to minimise the number of children isolating. Contact tracing in specific educational settings would only be triggered if deemed necessary in response to a local outbreak.
- The Government also intends to exempt under 18s who are close contacts of a positive case from the requirement to self-isolate, in line with the approach for those who are fully vaccinated. The changes are likely to come into effect later in the summer.

This means that for the final week of term, children will be able to enjoy playtimes and assemblies together. The timings for the school day will remain the same for the final week of term. It is our intention to return to our 'normal' timetable in September.

Leavers 2021 We are delighted to be able to invite the parents of all of our Year 6 children to a special Leavers' Assembly at school on **Tuesday 20 July at 2.45pm**.

As well as our Year 6s, we also have three members of staff moving on at the end of this academic year:

Tara Dornie – having worked in Class 5 this year, Tara has 'caught the bug' that is working with primary aged children; she is embarking on teacher training in September. She will make a superb teacher.

Kate Jenkins – having completed her teaching training and first year as a qualified teacher with us, Miss Jenkins has decided to relocate to Bristol. Kate is an excellent teacher and she will be greatly missed next year. We wish her the very best of luck for her move and at her new school.

Patsy Jenkins – after 21 years working at The Hendreds as a teaching assistant, primarily with the younger children, it is time for Patsy to retire. Generations of Hendreds pupils have benefitted from Patsy's kindness and wisdom. Patsy has promised that she will still make regular appearances at school in the autumn term.

If you would like to make a donation towards leaving presents for Kate, Patsy and Tara, please hand these into the school office in a marked envelope.

Sports Day

Yesterday's Sports Day was a great success – the children were thrilled to be able to complete their events with a live audience! We appreciate that having one spectator per child meant making difficult decisions; thank you for understanding and supporting us on this, especially so close to restrictions being lifted. And the winning house were... Buzzards!

The Jungle Book

We look forward to welcoming our audience one parent from each in Class 3, 4 and 5 children on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday respectively. We will be recoding a performance to release online, particularly for those parents who are unable to attend. We will try to continue, whatever the weather. If it is too wet, then we may be forced to cancel a performance. We will keep a close eye on the forecast and update you in good time.

Class 1 and 2 Teddy Bears' Picnic – Wednesday 14 July

Please could children in Class 1 and 2 bring a teddy bear with them to school on Wednesday for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. A packed lunch will be provided. The children will also need a hat and a water bottle.

Judo

School Judo should be back in September, however why not get back into it or try it for the first time on Mr Gerran's Summer Course:

<https://www.oxfordshirejudo.com/summer-course>

Parking

Inconsiderate parking continues to frustrate our neighbours. The driveway behind the school field is private property – you must not park there. Please do not park on the road outside school unless you have a medical exemption, agreed by me. Please continue to park at Snells Hall and walk to school via the boardwalk.

Final word

Whether football comes 'home' on Sunday evening or not, school will be open at the normal on time Monday morning. We appreciate that many of the children will want to watch the match and that they will be tired as a result – particularly if there is extra time and penalties! The teachers will plan Monday's activities accordingly.

Best wishes



Mr. J. Veness