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Dear Parents /Carers,

With one more week to go before our full return, I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you back properly and to add some tentative dates to the diary as we move forward. We have spent this week reviewing the guidance to ensure we are fully compliant, and as a team planning the curriculum so that there is a seamless transition back to full class based learning. We have thought carefully about our children's wellbeing as well as their academic next steps, blending the two to create a resuming curriculum that allows for a personalised approach.

For your information, I have attached the updated risk assessment. For now we will continue with the staggered start and end to the day and we would ask you to continue to wear a face covering on site unless exempt. Our prime concern is to keep Henbury as safe as we can so that all the children can remain in school.

Universal Meals – Ordering for meals from 8th March

Please be aware the deadline is Sunday 28th February for ordering for the week beginning 8th March. If you have any problems please contact the school office as soon as possible. The provision is under constant review and as soon as we are able to begin to mix bubbles we will return to a hot service.

World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

This year, the teachers will be setting three World Book day activities that will be uploaded on the morning. We have your vouchers for £1 here in school, and we will give you these on Monday 8th. In the meantime, you can always go and look on the World book day website <https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/09/world-book-day-2021-announcements/> On the front page to the right is a panel that allows you to explore the £1 books. They have extended the deadline to use the voucher, so when you will be able to redeem it when you have the voucher.

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March

We would like to support Red Nose day this year by getting involved in a Share a Smile activity. We thought everyone would enjoy sharing their jokes! Children are welcome to come dressed however they choose on the 19th March. We will be writing our jokes and displaying them on the windows as well as painting very big smiles. If you would like to make a contribution, please could you do this directly with the charity. Here is the link to the Share a Smile poster https://assets.ctfassets.net/zsfivwzfgl3t/2PELHfr0AuEdE41zE5Wyx/dff37382c5742ef6da61a67112e58c61/share_a_smile_poster_A4.pdf Everyone is welcome to complete a joke and email it back ☺

Easter Egg Hunt - Tuesday 30th March

We are all ready for this annual event in school where the children have to solve the clues to find the Easter eggs. I have organised this to take place throughout the day so that each class bubble can have full access to the grounds and find the clues. This is always such a wonderful activity and causes great excitement!

Planned Staff Training Day – Monday 19th April 2021

We have made a slight adjustment to this day and we will now be using it to hold parent consultations via teams. This will give us four weeks of the spring term to set meaningful targets to share with you at the beginning of the summer term. All teachers will be involved in this day and we will send a booking form out nearer the time. Each member of staff will also be offering an additional session, to allow sufficient time for all meetings to be scheduled:

Mrs Lucas – Friday 23rd April 1-5 pm

Mrs Collins –Tuesday 20th April 1-5 pm

Mrs Harmon – Wednesday 21st April 1-5pm

Mr Saunders –Wednesday 21st April 1-5pm

Mrs Dawson –Thursday 22nd April 1-5pm

This means the first day back for the children at the beginning of the summer term will be **Tuesday 20th April** as originally scheduled.

Academic Year 2021/2022

Please find attached to this same email the agreed dates for the next academic year. These are set by Dorset. In addition each school has to add 5 training days that aren't shown on the calendar.

The dates we have planned for Henbury are as follows:

September 2nd and 3rd 2021

October 22nd 2021

April 8th 2022

June 6th 2022

Therefore the first day back for the children at the beginning of the 2021/2022 academic year will be 6th September.

Friends of Henbury

The Friends of Henbury will be sending out a zoom link once we have returned to invite you to join us in an evening meeting for the Friends. We are hopeful that by the later part of the summer term we can begin to open up more school based activities.

Data updates

Please can you contact the school office on 01202 659179 before the children return if there has been any change in contact or medical details. Thank you Mrs Elms.

Provisional date for Sports Day

We have put a provisional date in the diary for sports day of Thursday 24th June, with a reserve date being Thursday 1st July.

Sports day will commence from 1pm – we will adapt the risk assessment to the climate at the time

Year 4 Leavers Assembly

A date has been put in the diary for Tuesday 13th July from 2pm.

As the circumstances allow we will be adding more dates into the diary.

I want to assure you that we have taken every precaution to continue to mitigate risk. We want our school to remain open and will do everything we can to ensure this happens.

Thank you for all of your continued support, you have been truly stoic through this period and you have all been amazing. If you have questions please do not hesitate to give us a call in the school office.

Kind Regards
Mrs Clarke