



The White Rose Federation

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Dear parents & carers,

Federation Newsletter

As we approach the final week of the academic year, I wanted to provide an update before the summer holidays begin. Firstly, I would like to thank the staff across the federation. Change is never easy, no matter what our stage of life, and our staff have shown commitment, perseverance and adaptability during such unique times. I am in awe of them. Thank you also to our families who have shown patience and understanding as we responded to complex universal guidance and tried to adapt it to fit our individual schools. And most importantly, our fantastic children. Considering the enormity of what they have lived through, they have impressed us with their resilience and enthusiasm, whether engaging in home learning, or at school in the teaching or childcare bubbles. I'm incredibly proud to be the headteacher of such exceptional young people and I look forward to welcoming families back in September.

September Return

The most recent guidance provided by the government suggests that a full school return, with individual class bubble sizes increasing from 15 to 30, should be possible in September. The staggered school start times, pick up times and playtimes are likely to remain. The advice is for lunches and assemblies/collective worship to be held in class. We are confident that we will be able to offer this provision in September and we hope to offer our breakfast and after school care to all pupils. The key worker childcare bubble will no longer run, and these children will return to class. We will wait to share the risk assessments with you nearer to September, to ensure that they are written to include the most up to date government and Public Health England guidance. We can confirm that when we return in September, it will be with the expectation that the children revert to wearing full school uniform.

Reports and the Recovery Curriculum

We aim to send you your child's report next week, via email. Paper copies will be available on request to be distributed in September once we return to school. When assessing your child, we have assessed them based upon what we believe they would have attained at the end of July, if they were to have continued their education in school as usual. We are finalising our recovery curriculum and the aim is to share it with you when we return and focus on this in its entirety for the first half term in September. This will allow the children to catch up and evidence the assessment judgements stated in their reports. The national expectation is that by July 2021, they will have caught up.

Year 4/5 Catch Up Offer

The three heads of school from across the federation, Mrs Lindley (Chapel Haddlesey), Mrs Lofthouse (Barlow) and Mr Bealey (Burton Salmon), have offered to run a Year 4/5 curriculum catch up class at each school during the holiday club. We have chosen to focus on our current Year 4/5's as we class them as our 'critical learning' years. They have the least amount of time left at primary school to catch up compared to the other year groups.

If you have a child in Year 4/5 you are welcome to bring them to school to take part in the 'catch up classes' at their base school, with their class teacher. The sessions are between 9:00am and midday for the two weeks that the holiday club is being run for. If you would like your child to attend, please could you send an email to your school's admin email address. A reminder of the dates are below. If you have already booked your child into Holiday Club, you will be refunded for the cost of the morning session. They will move into the Holiday Club from 12.00pm.

Dates	Who is it for?	Teacher	Time
Burton Salmon, Monday 20th July to Friday 31st July	Current Year 4/5 pupils from Burton Salmon	Mr Bealey	9:00am-Midday
At Barlow, Monday 3rd August to Friday 14th August	Current Year 4/5 pupils from Barlow	Mrs Lofthouse	9:00am-Midday
At Chapel Haddlesey, Monday 17th August to Friday 28th August	Current Year 4/5 pupils from Chapel Haddlesey	Mrs Lindley	9:00am-Midday

Staffing Update

It's not uncommon for opportunity to arise during times of change, and Mrs Newton, our Year 2,3,4 teacher at Burton Salmon, has found great enjoyment in online learning and tutoring. So much so that she has decided to move on from Burton Salmon at October half term and begin a new role within the online learning world and as a tutor. Mrs Newton has been at Burton Salmon for over 18 years and has worked with many staff members and children in her time. She has been a voice of calm over the years and she leaves us with our thanks and best wishes for her future.

We have submitted an advert for a new Year 2/3/4 teacher and we aim to recruit in September. We will update you once the process is complete.

Keep in Touch

Whilst we are about to enter the summer holidays, please remember that we are still here should you have any questions or need any support. To contact us, just drop an email to your child's base school, or ring the school that is open during the holiday club, and you will be able to speak to a staff member who will advise you or direct you to myself or Mrs Lindley, our federation deputy headteacher.

And finally...

Just a reminder that it is a 12.30pm finish on Friday 17th July. This will allow for the schools to be cleaned thoroughly and for staff to move resources around in readiness for the holiday club. Pupils return to school on Wednesday 9th September 2020 and we look forward to seeing you all again.

Yours sincerely,



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