



St Michael's CE Junior School

Message from Mrs Tyler

So, here we are at the end of the first week of June. It barely seems possible. This week has been a really unusual one for us in school because as well as our keyworker provision, we have, of course, also welcomed back some of our Year 6 children. It has been so lovely to see them. They have been a credit to their parents and the school as they get used to the new routines.

School looks and feels incredibly different with our individual “bubbles” and no one being allowed to move outside their bubble. A lot of work went into planning the safety aspects of the wider opening of the school, and I feel a bit like we have planned everything to within an inch of our lives! However, the hard work has certainly paid off as the first week has worked well – mainly down to the brilliant cooperation of our children and parents. We know that there are so many factors that can affect the smooth running of the current arrangements and cooperation, and following the rules is essential – especially in the knowledge that if anyone in any bubble falls ill with Covid-19 symptoms the whole bubble is affected from an isolation point of view – it’s vital we all keep well!

For those of you wondering what the next stage of opening will be, I can honestly tell you that I haven’t a clue – we await the government announcements, as you do, but a reminder that I will only do what is safe – so please bear with us as and when that comes. I will keep you informed, as always.

A massive thank you must, of course, go to our families who are still home schooling this week and in the coming weeks – in all year groups. We are doing our best to make sure that our home learning provision is not affected. One change you may see is that the teachers may reduce their pastoral calls to once per fortnight – simply because they are teaching and cannot be released as we are not allowed for anyone else to enter the bubble. Sometimes I feel like I’m organising a huge version of Taskmaster! However, all teachers will still be checking Dojo and it’s lovely to

see so many of you posting on there. Please know that we miss you all, and remember that if you need to contact us or ask anything, just email us on adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk or telephone 01252 322933. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible.

Lastly, a really big thank you to everyone who has sent in their reflections for our COVID-19 Legacy display. It is wonderful to capture such a variety of thoughts and feelings. We have had so many lovely contributions that we are moving the display to the hall. I asked the staff to contribute too, and did something myself – it was good to have some thinking time! I have attached mine to this newsletter just in case you would like to share this with the children. Although the deadline was today for the display, if this spurs you on to take time to reflect and you would like to share something with us, please do. Please let us have your contributions by next Tuesday.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone, and stay safe.

Inspired by Him, we serve the community of St Michael's by creating an inclusive learning culture where all differences are respected, where courage is shown to face and overcome adversity, and resilience is embedded in our journey to success so we can be the very best we can be.

Respect – Courage – Resilience