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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are rapidly approaching the end of the school year. It has been a rollercoaster-ride of a year with so much disruption to learning and normal school life. We are well in to the planning process for next academic year and we will be sharing information with you very soon about who will be teaching your children next year. We will be organising opportunities for the children to meet their new class teaching teams before the end of the term.

Shakespeare Week

We held a really successful Shakespeare week. During the week, learning in every class focused around the story of Macbeth. The children learned about the story and the characters. We saw children acting, making castles and witches, writing diary entries, mixing potions... even the children in Little Herons took part. Our wonderful teachers in Little Herons managed to incorporate learning about Macbeth into the Forest School sessions!

INSET Days and Holidays 2021-2022

We have set the INSET days for the next academic year. The dates for these are:

- Tuesday 31st August
- Wednesday 1st September
- Friday 1st October
- Monday 27th June
- Thursday 28th July
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Term dates for next year are as follows:

Autumn term: Thursday 2nd September – 15th October
Monday 1st November – Friday 17th December

Spring term: Tuesday 4th January – Friday 11th February
Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April

Summer term: Tuesday 19th April – Friday 27th May (Bank Holiday Monday – 2nd May)
Monday 6th June – Wednesday 27th July

The next few weeks

As well as organising transition opportunities for the children, we are hoping to make the end of the academic year as 'normal' as possible, whilst ensuring that we do our very best to keep the risk of infection and bubble closure to a minimum.

Our planned residential for the year 6 pupils to Hathersage is due to go ahead in a couple of weeks. This event is possible due to the year 6 children all being in one bubble. We always carry out risk assessments for any visit – this year we are having to make additions to this important process due to the pandemic.



Last year, we held a 'toned-down' **sports day**. This year, we plan to hold a sports day for each of the different key stages in school. We have the space on the field to keep the children in their separate class bubbles for this event and the children will be able to watch and support each other.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents to this event this year. We know that this may come as disappointing news to you, however with the event being planned so close to the end of term, we do not want to add to the risk of an outbreak in school which would result in any individuals or groups having to isolate and miss the end of term learning or the start of the summer holidays.

We are planning to make the end of the year as special as possible for our year 6 pupils before they leave to go to secondary school in the Autumn. We are planning a celebration for the children after school one day towards the end of the term. Mr Eggleston is also preparing a special film presentation for the children to plan and perform as a review of their time at Robert Mellors.

Non Uniform Day - 19th July

On August 1st our office lady Mrs Bridges will be running the London Landmark Half Marathon raising money for the British Heart Foundation in memory of a former Robert Mellors student who sadly passed away earlier this year. We will be having a non-uniform day on July 19th with a sporting theme asking children to wear a colour of the Olympic rings and to support Mrs Bridges' fundraising we are asking for a small donation.

End of Year Reports

You will be receiving your child's annual written report before the end of term.

COVID-19

As you will be aware, we currently have a class self-isolating after a confirmed case of covid-19. This is a reminder to us that this virus is still impacting on our daily life. To this end, please can you remain respectful of the safety measures that we have in place at school? We hope that we will be able to move away from the bubble system and remove things like the one-way system and staggered start/finish times in September. In the meantime, we are hoping that we do not have any further cases.

Best wishes

Mrs Essex