



26th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update for all year groups

As I said in assembly this morning, it has been lovely this week to see so many children in Years 2 – 5 on the **zoom calls** with their teachers and friends from their class. If you weren't able to take part in the call this week and would like to please do join in next week. Each week the calls will take place at the same time and we will send out an invitation for your session, with the new password, the day before the meeting. If you need any technical support please do call us at school or email the remote website and we will help ensure you can keep connected in this way.

This week we have also been able to provide the first group of children with a new **library book** as the remote system has been launched. Please complete the form using the link you were sent and order a book or let us know about books you need to return. For any requests received by 11am on a Monday you can be confident that your order will be processed and will be ready for you to just come along and collect later that week. The collection times will be on a Thursday from 12pm – 2pm and a Friday from 10am – 12pm from the school front entrance. There will also be a box for you to return books.

Times table Rock Stars, which we launched last week, seems to have been a great hit with lots of children in Year 2 and 3 who are busy earning coins to update their avatar – and having fun learning their times tables at the same time. The user guide is on the website and individual log in details were sent out last Friday. Please do email us at remotelearning@camp.herts.sch.uk if you need further help in using this programme.

Looking ahead

Today we have sent our new Reception families all the information that we would usually share at an induction meeting plus a video welcome and virtual tour from the Reception team. A similar video for new Nursery children and detailed information will follow on Monday.

At the end of this term we will be saying a sad goodbye to one of our teachers, Rebecca Mann, who has worked at the school for the last 4 years. Rebecca currently has a long journey to school each morning and is moving to work in a very small school much closer to her home. She is sad to be leaving Camp and we are equally sad to see her go. Rebecca is a fabulous teacher and has been a real asset to our team. She has been key in promoting and organising sporting opportunities at Camp and getting the netball team established. We promise that we will keep her good work going from September.

As she can't say a personal goodbye to her Year 5 class at this time, Miss Mann has already arranged with her new school to come back for a visit in September to see our current Year 5 and say a proper goodbye to us all then.

The rest of our teaching team remains consistent for next year although we do have many teachers changing year group. We have given much thought to class teachers for September in order to provide the children with as much support as we can give them for a positive return to school. I am therefore pleased to announce that in all but one class a key member of the teaching team will be moving into the new classroom with their current cohort.

This means that the teachers for September already know your child well and where they were in their learning. They can arrange to talk with you and hear about learning during lockdown and plan to teach missed elements from the current class curriculum before moving on to the new year's learning.

I hope for you as parents, and for the children, this helps address many concerns you may have had regarding transition and a return to school in September.

Class Teacher arrangements for September 2020 are as follows:

Nursery	Mrs Nethersole
Reception	Ms Sultan and Mrs Ridge
Year 1	Ms Simoneau, Ms Rowe and Mrs Downey
Year 2	Miss Rowlatt
Year 3	Mrs Du Plessis and Mrs Giffen
Year 4	Mrs Rose and Mrs Browne
Year 5	Mr Wootton
Year 6	Miss Rapson and Mrs Holliday

Mrs Simmonds will continue as our SENCo in school.

Although this year the children cannot spend any transition time with the new teacher/s in their new classrooms we are considering what we can do to support further. Details of 'transition talks' for parents and carers in September will be confirmed at the start of the Autumn term, even if these need to be held remotely.

We are still awaiting the expected Government guidance on arrangements for September. In the meantime, as a school, we continue to plan on scenarios that enable all our pupils to be safely back in school in September.

Please do contact us directly if you have any further questions or we can offer additional support at this time.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Sharon Barton
Head Teacher