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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have been able to enjoy some of the sunshine and that life is treating you well.

We will be letting you know whose class your child is in this Friday. As always, the teachers have put a great deal of thought into getting the class mix as close to perfect as possible – with friendships at the heart of their decision making. Every teacher will be having a Google Meet during the week beginning Monday 29th June to discuss the classes for next year, so children can be reassured they will still be with their friends. In the final week of term, beginning Monday 13th July, all teachers will also invite their new class to a Google Meet just to say hello and answer any questions that the children may have. Details of the exact dates and times of these meetings will be shared in the Google Classrooms.

Another date for your diaries is the 6th July. During this week you will receive your child's report. We will be emailing them out this year and, in an effort to take some pressure of the office staff, each teacher/teaching assistant will be sending out their own reports. This may mean that if you have more than one child in school that their reports may arrive on different days. If you have not received a report by Monday 13th July then please let the office know.

I had a governors' meeting last week and a couple of issues came up. The first was a question about children being unkind to each other online. If your child communicates with one of their peers through the Google Classroom then their teacher has complete access to the conversation and can follow up appropriately – so please make sure that they are using this platform so that we can keep everyone safe. Teachers have access to the children's Gmail accounts so can monitor any communication here too. The second was to do with online learning – what is working well and how it could be improved. I know that we don't know exactly what will be happening in September and it may be that we no longer need on-line learning but I am keen to get some feedback just in case we need to move to it again at some point. I will be putting a questionnaire together that will be sent out next week so that you can have your say.

The York Educational Psychology Service have asked schools to alert their families to a Coronavirus Support Line that they have set up. It is open to all parents and carers who live in the City of York and practitioners who work with children and young people who live in the City of York. It offers confidential telephone support, staffed by psychologists, to talk through questions or concerns about children and young people's wellbeing or learning during the current pandemic. Call slots of up to 30 minutes are available: Thursday mornings 8 am – 11.30 am From May 28th to 16th July 2020 Please call 01904 553055.

Take care of each other,

Tina Clarke

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