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Dear Parent/Carer,

Well, hopefully the worst is behind us - we only have a few Covid cases in school at the minute and I feel that we are in a positon to return to some sort of normality. From today, adults will no longer be required to wear a face covering in communal areas in school or on the playground. We will be continuing to keep the building as well ventilated as possible so please make sure that your child wears a warm red jumper or cardigan if they are feeling the cold in their classroom.

After half term, we will be returning to the children in Year 1 and Year 2 being dropped off and picked up from the lower hall and, in line with national recommendations, there will be no need to wear a face covering unless you want to. We are also going to resume inviting parents/carers to join us for our Friday celebration assemblies if your child has had a 'mention'.

Our final bit of normality (for now) will be how we run the parent consultations in March. We intend for these to be held in school. Each teacher will have their meetings in their own classrooms and will make sure that everything is well-spaced out so that we can be as 'Covid-safe' as possible. If you feel very uncomfortable with this and would prefer a telephone consultation then you will be able to indicate this when we send out the appointment letters.

The staff have asked me to say a huge thankyou to the very kind group of Y3/4 parents who gave us vouchers for Busk. It is so lovely to know that we have your support and appreciation.

Dani Rees has been doing a great deal of work to make things fair for everybody at Fishergate and to ensure that all of our children have equal opportunities. She has set up 'Genderation Hope', a group of children from each phase to act as ambassadors for this. So far, they delivered a questionnaire to their classmates to establish a baseline of attitudes to gender - for example, the children were asked, "Is it ok for boys to cry?" They have used this to identify some work that we need to do in school.

I have been asked to let you know about Low Moor Community Kids' Allotment. This started in January 2004 and has been running ever since. It has earned a significant reputation, and has received a number







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of awards over the years. This year, unusually, they have a few spare places to be filled. Please see the details below.

LOW MOOR COMMUNITY KIDS' ALLOTMENT

- WE ARE LOCATED ON PLOT 108, LOW MOOR ALLOTMENT SITE (JUST ALONGSIDE THE CAR PARK AREA AT THE BOTTOM OF KILBURN ROAD).
- OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO INTRODUCE CHILDREN TO THE SKILLS, EXCITEMENT AND ENJOYMENT THAT GARDENING CAN BRING.
- 12 PLACES ARE AVAILABLE EACH YEAR TO CHILDREN AGED 6 12 YEARS.
- SESSIONS RUN ON SATURDAY MORNINGS 10AM 12 NOON BETWEEN MID MARCH (19.3.2022) AND END OF OCTOBER.
- CHILDREN HAVE THEIR OWN SMALL PLOT AND SHARE IN THE GARDENING OF THE REST OF THE ALLOTMENT. A WIDE RANGE OF VEGETABLES, HERBS, FRUIT AND FLOWERS ARE GROWN.
- COST: £1.00 PER SESSION
- VOLUNTEER HELPERS HELP THE CHILDREN LEARN WHAT TO DO

INTERESTED TO LEARN MORE OR APPLY? PLEASE EMAIL ANGELA JOHNSON - angela3147@hotmail.com

Just one little reminder to finish off! Please could you make sure that you are sending your child in with a healthy packed lunch and remember that as we have some children with severe allergies, we are a nut-free school.

Take care,

Tina Clarke

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