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30th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of the support you have given to the school and your children during the spring term. Everyone adapted well to the unexpected and lengthy lockdown, remote learning and the transition back to school. We look forward with optimism to the summer term and hope there is a period of uninterrupted learning at school. School will continue to follow safety measures to reduce the spread of the virus and we hope the warmer weather and vaccination programme will lead to a reduction in Covid cases.

School has worked hard to balance the priorities of well-being and academic outcomes in order to support our children best. At Derwentwater, staff will always endeavour to respond to the needs of the children and offer support where necessary. Learning recovery and catch up will continue to be a priority so our children thrive in their development and carry on making excellent progress despite this unsettled year.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place during the third week back after Easter on **4th, 5th and 6th May**. Guidance continues to encourage remote meetings. Phone calls will be arranged during these three days to discuss how your child has settled back into school and the progress they have made. Times will be agreed and targets will be shared. Further details will be given when we return.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club starts again after the Easter break. Please express your interest by emailing parentcomms.

Specialist Clubs

Clubs will start in the 2nd week after Easter. Clubs will not take place in the first or last week of each term. We are trialling a new pick up system in which the club provider will take the children to the gate to be collected by parents at the end of the session. This will avoid parents needing to come onto the premises and buzzing in. Instead, parents should wait at the gate for the children to be dismissed.

FSM – Free School Meals

Vouchers have been organised by the local authority and details were shared in last week's newsletter.

Spring Holiday Support Project for Families in Acton

Groceries, food bags and take away hot lunches are available for families with children from Acton and surrounding areas. Please see the flyer shared earlier this week for details.

School Photographs

Individual and class photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 25th May** during the school day. Parents will be reminded closer to the time.

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Soft Start Changes to 8.40 to 8.55

A reminder to parents that their children should be in their classroom by 9 o'clock. The aim is to close the register at 9am sharp; if children are not in the classroom by this time, they will be marked late. Children can arrive at school between 8.40 and the new time of 8.55. I hope this will encourage the small number of children arriving at 9 o'clock and just after to come to school earlier.

Mrs Nicholas Returns

I warmly welcome Mrs Nicholas back from her maternity leave after the Easter holiday. She has enjoyed a year off with her baby and is looking forward to returning and hearing about what we have achieved as well as how we have supported one another throughout this turbulent year. The leadership team will return to their previous roles and I want to thank them and all of the staff for their incredible dedication, support and enthusiasm.

It has been an honour to lead the school this year and I am immensely proud of what we achieved as a community: The mural, Edible Garden, remote learning platform, school provision for keyworker and vulnerable children, a mental health and academic recovery programme, improved access to online learning, effective safety measures at school and much more. Thank you to all of the children at school as well as the parents and governors for their support and commitment this year which has allowed our school to continue to flourish amidst a pandemic.

I look forward to seeing you all when school returns on **Monday 19th April**. Have a restful and healthy break. Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely

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