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Dear Families,

At the moment myself, staff, governors and REACH2 are working very hard to see if it will be possible to open the school after half term for the children in Reception, Year One and Year Six. We have received, and are still receiving a variety of guidance from the Government. We need clarification from them on a number of key issues. What I can say is the safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff will be our number one priority. Once we have completed our robust risk assessment process and shared this with the trust we will be able to give you more information in relation to the possible reopening of the school. You will then be in the position to make an informed decision as to whether or not to return your child / children to the school.

We sent out a survey to the parents in the year groups who would be returning first earlier this week. Thank you for your quick responses. It is clear that your child's safety is your number one concern. Please be reassured that this is ours too. These are challenging times for everyone but we will get through this together.

The school is closed for half term and there will be no home learning set for the half term week. You have access to many resources to support home learning if you chose to continue with the same schedule during the half term break. The Oaks National Academy has some great resources to support learning at home. These are updated each week. Information can be found on our website.

Carol, has now created two videos sharing her secret recipes and these have been very well received. If you have not had the chance to see these yet they are on our website in our parent section. There is a new section called "Cook with Carol". We hope that you find these useful at home. I would like to give a big thank you to Carol for going above and beyond for our school community.

Image of the week has been popular and a nice way for the children to see each other. We are uploading onto our twitter page but also sharing images on our website. We have decided we are going to make a montage of the images and display these in school as a positive reminder for when we are free of Corona. Next week is the last week of our shared image. If you have not yet joined in, then please do. It would be great to have lots of recreations to share.

Earlier in the week, I reported a disappearing football goal! Thankfully, due to our parents being observant we were able to locate the goal that had been borrowed from our school. Thank you for informing us! The children really enjoy football and they would have been saddened if the goal was no longer at school.

We have issued the booking form for the key worker children childcare for after half term. This childcare facility is a priority for the school to ensure that we are supporting parents who are frontline workers. If you are a key worker and need this facility for after half term then please complete the form and return to the office.

One of our staff children has created an MPA quiz that we were going to add to the website. However, we think that all families should play and have some fun. So this week the quiz will be added to the rest and relaxation part of the home learning for next week. We hope that this makes you smile! I certainly enjoyed it!

I would like to end by thanking you all for your continued support, it means so very much to myself and the staff team. We are very grateful for the kind words we have received during the lockdown.

Please stay safe.

Warm wishes

Miss E Churchman