



# CTK WEEKLY

## HEADS UPDATE

Dear Parents

At the end of our first week, since re-opening to more children on Monday, I feel relieved that things have run smoothly and according to the detailed planning that took place. We had a maximum of 36 pupils in on any one day split in to 'bubbles' no bigger than 8 children. Having staggered arrival and exit times has worked well and even Football Paul delivered PE skills lessons from afar.

We made the non-contact temperature testing a bit of fun first thing in the morning and the year 6 have started calling it a 'memory eraser'! If that was the case then I am glad there is no testing this year and I won't be telling the younger children what the older ones call it.

A few children were a little apprehensive about coming in to school, but our brilliant team of staff soon put their fears at ease with activities and big smiling faces. It was great to hear children's voices echoing around the school again, school is a very quiet and lonely place without the children—I don't think I will ever tell a child to 'keep their voice down' again.

If you have any concerns about how your child is coping, whether in school or at home, then remember you can always relay these to your class teacher through email or Tapestry/Class Dojo. Mrs Paxton is very aware of those children that need a little more support and has been contacting them to make sure they are ok.

Over the next few weeks we will wait to hear about how the Government want to open the schools more—and whether we will be inviting more years groups in. I do have to say that the regulations we are applying now, become a lot more difficult to apply when there is potentially five times more children in school. Social distancing means we will not have enough space and I do imagine that we will have to continue to run school on a part-time basis. I have just started having preliminary discussions with the SLT around how this might work.

Teachers are currently writing end of year reports for all children. This is not something we had to do, but rather something we wanted to do so that parents had a record for their children for this year. The teachers are concentrating their grades and comments on work carried out between September 2019 and March 2020, before lockdown. It is going to be too difficult to assess progress made since March 20th, even though we have continued to provide work at home and kept in touch.

Over the next few weeks I will be continuing to update you on some of the changes that will be taking place for September when a fresh new, dynamic leadership team starts at the school, full of energy, passion and experience. They will build on the successes of the past two years and the solid foundation the school has for sustained growth. The Governors have secured a bright future for CTK and a collaboration with St Osmund's that will benefit the staff and pupils of both schools equally.

**Chris**



## Staffing News

### New Year 6 Teacher for September



I am very pleased to announce that a new Year 6 teacher has been appointed. Mr Sanderson carried out a robust interview and is delighted that he was able to appoint the experienced and well respected Mrs Johnson. She will start on September 1st and we will do everything possible at school to make sure her transition in to CTK is well informed and allows her to start the year well prepared.

As the incoming Executive Head of the School, starting in September, it is important that Mr Sanderson leads on these interviews and manages the whole process. Mr Eccles, the Head of School for CTK in September, will be involved as much as possible but also has commitments with his current school. Please rest assured that the process being followed for recruiting new staff is rigorous and only teachers that meet the high expectations will be appointed.

### Miss Whately

I am sorry to say that Miss Whately will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She has been extremely committed to the school over the past four years but for September she has secured a new Key Stage 2 teaching post in Hereford, where she will be closer to family and friends. No-one could have asked anything more from Miss Whately - her devotion to the children in each of her classes over the years has been exemplary showing true loyalty, enthusiasm and positivity in quite challenging circumstances at times. On behalf of everyone at the school, I would like to wish her every success in her new exciting role.



### Mr Perry



I also have to announce that Mr Perry will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. We will be sad to see him go after devoting over two and half years to the school working incredibly well with our older Year 5 and Year 6 children. He has built up excellent relationships with the pupils and parents who have responded brilliantly to his style and manner in dealing with any issues. The children in his care have flourished under his teaching and he will continue to have a great impact on his new Year 6 class in September. On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish him well in his new school and role, and every success for the future.