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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to you as we come to the end of another term in these strange times that we live in, but now with a more hopeful eye on the light at the end of the tunnel. The children have enjoyed the Easter activities this week and in particular the disco and art and craft activities for the National Reflection Day. I hope that you have enjoyed seeing their work at the front of school and that it has gone some way towards brightening your day.

Easter treats

All of the children will have come home today with a little Easter treat. They will also have a heart that they can keep for themselves or give to someone alone, a friend or a family member. These have been donated by Horbury Churches Together for everyone in our school community. Thank you to all parents that donated to support the activities we have done this week in celebration of the end of the term. Your children have really enjoyed them and it has allowed us to continue to provide another little pocket of 'school normal' at a time when so many things are still restricted.

School Meals

We have been notified by our school meal provider that the price of a school lunch will go up to £2.21 as from the 12th April. This will mean that the total will now be £11.05 per week and this will be reflected in the cost that is put on to ParentPay.

Easter Track and Trace

We have been asked by the government to support track and trace for the beginning of the Easter holidays and a separate letter has been posted on the website which explains the procedure to follow should your child test positive for Covid-19. This letter, which has the link within it, is posted on the Covid-19 section of the website.

Parents Evening

Whilst many things have been different in the last 12 months and we have had to change the way that we work and not always for the better, completing parents evening electronically has been positive in that I feel it has made it easier for many of you to book appointments and indeed to attend those appointments. That is not to say

that we will not be inviting you into school in the future, but we may do things in a slightly different way. Many parents had lots of positive things to say about school, and the way we have handled this last school closure in particular and it may be good to capture some of this more formally. We do know that some time in the not too distant future we will be re-inspected by Ofsted and if they could see some of your lovely comments on parent view this would be helpful for us as a school. If you do feel that you have the time to do this, the link is shown below.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

The next stage of the roadmap comes into play from Monday 29th March.

- You are allowed to meet outside, either with one other household or within the "rule of six", including in private gardens
- The stay at home rule will end, but the government will urge people to stay local as much as possible
- Outdoor sport facilities will reopen, including golf courses and tennis and basketball courts, and formally organised outdoor sports can restart
- Weddings can take place attended by 6 people.

Whilst there are still many things that we cannot do, let's focus on the positives and hope that we continue to make further progress on the journey towards a lifting of all restrictions and a return to our normal lives. As a school we thank you for your continued support and understanding as we have all tried to navigate our way through these difficult times.

Finally, have a lovely Easter, enjoy the time with your family and remember that we return to school on **Monday 12th April 2021**.

Yours sincerely,



Miss JK Tomlinson
Executive Principal