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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, and what a year it has been, I can't believe that it is almost 18 months now since the first lockdown in March 2020! I don't think any of us were ready for the scale and enormity of the impact it would have on all of our lives. Who knew we would be talking about and dealing with burst bubbles, self-isolation, 'pinging', wearing masks and running out of toilet roll! Who knew we would be writing endless operational plans, risk assessments, delivering food parcels, work packs and remote learning. But we did it all and largely lived to tell the tale!

I want to publicly thank the whole staff team at Horbury Primary Academy as I think they have all worked tirelessly this year to provide the children with a modicum of normality in a crazy world!

I would also like to thank you as parents for your continued support and understanding and the way that you have risen to the challenges this pandemic has thrown at you!

Transition week

Transition week didn't go exactly as we had planned, in that we have still had to have children self-isolating and missing this important week and our staff too have missed out on the end of term with several of them either contracting Covid or having been pinged! The children in school have enjoyed their final few days and whilst we would not have wanted any of our children missing the last week, thankfully the 'Year 7s' have enjoyed a brilliant end to their time in school with lots of fun activities and lots of reminiscing of their time at Horbury Primary. I wish them all every success in the future and sincerely hope that the grounding they have had here serves them well as they continue their educational journey at secondary school!

Water safety

You will undoubtedly have seen in the news that several people have lost their lives this week in water. Please talk to the children about water safety and ensure that they understand the dangers of swimming in wild waters and that although it may look very tempting on hot days it is not always as safe as it looks.

School uniform

Just a reminder to check out our website for the uniform policy, before you go shopping this summer and in particular to check the PE kit as this has changed from September.

<https://horburyprimary.accordmat.org/school-uniform/>

We will be trying to enforce the rules so that the children look smart and feel proud to belong to our school community.

Moving to MCAS

Can I please ask that all Parents/Carers complete any outstanding payments on ParentPay and clear debts by Friday 30th July 2021. This is to ensure that all accounts are ready for the transition to the new MCAS app during the Summer.

Wraparound Care

If you would like to book in to our Breakfast Club or After School Club provisions for September 2021 please use the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EENLhb8NQUKuQU3wpPibku1Ge-T1QThIhfDzAe32D_IURDISWIJBQUhCSjc1NDdQUU9NM1NYSIVGRy4u

The online booking form will close at midnight on Friday 13th August 2021.

If you would like to make an ad-hock booking after this date please email

wraparound@horburyprimary.accordmat.org

September plans

I will be sending out a further communication towards the end of the holidays to remind you of the entry and exit protocols and any other guidelines that we feel you should know at this time. It may be that there are some government changes at the eleventh hour, so I will ensure this is communicated in a timely manner.

Finally, I hope that you all have a lovely summer break and that you enjoy some time with family and friends and I look forward to working with you as Headteacher of Horbury Primary Academy on Tuesday 7th September 2021.

Yours sincerely,



Miss JK Tomlinson
Executive Principal