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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of June we can reflect on a very different Spring and Summer Term at Mousehold. As a group of teachers this week we have had discussions about the positives and what we want to take forward when we welcome all children back to school, hopefully in September. This hasn't yet been confirmed by Government but we will wait and see.

The children we have welcomed back into school have really enjoyed their time with friends and staff. I have seen children having fun inside and outside and they have adapted very well to some of the differences they have found in the classrooms. The highlights for me are children sharing their news.

Some examples are:

Look at my fringe my mum cut it!

I have lost 2 teeth, I'm so excited.

This is very awesome.

My mum is having a baby boy and I can't wait.

I have a new baby brother.

The children take great delight in the small, normal, everyday things that are special and familiar to them. Like I have said before in newsletters, the children just want to spend time with you and people close to them like friends and family. Don't worry if some days you feel you aren't doing anything amazing. To your little ones, every day is amazing.

Mousehold Sock Olympics

You will soon see on our school Facebook page (and attachment to this letter) the launch of our 'Mousehold Sock Olympics.' We will miss not having sports days this year at school but wanted to do something fun, active and different – please take a look. If you aren't signed up to our Facebook page it is very easy to find, 'Mousehold Infant & Nursery School.' You will see our school logo as the profile picture and a rainbow over the school building as the cover photo. Remember that if you send a photo to us through Facebook messenger, you are giving permission for it to be used on the Facebook page. If you want to show staff, but it not be made public then please send to the office and make it clear it is just for school use.

Nursery and Year 2 - support with transition.

We are pleased to be able to tell you some of our thoughts on inviting Nursery and Year 2 back for some transition work. This is an 'aim' at the moment and not definite as, with everything, it very much depends on the risk assessment much closer to the time and what is happening country wide. We think it is important that Year 2 have the opportunity to have one more day at Mousehold before they transition to Junior school. We believe this will help their transition. We also believe that allowing Nursey to come back for one or two half day sessions will help them prepare for Reception and for them to finish their time in Nursery.

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As you all know the current Reception and Year 1 children who come to school 2 days a week will be finishing on Friday 10th July. That gives us the last week to invite different children back for transition work.

Year 2

Thank you to the Year 2 parents who have replied and responded to the survey. We will let you know our plans very soon. We are hoping that your child will be able to come to school for one day the week beginning 13th July. They will be in a bubble of between 5 and 9 children and will be with their class teacher and it will either be the Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

We will look at safe ways for the Year 2 children in the key worker and vulnerable bubbles to be able to meet with their own teacher and some of their friends coming in on those days.

Year 2 Transition to George White Junior School

Next week Mr McConnell, Headteacher at George White Junior School, will write to all parents of Year 2 children starting at GWJ in September. He will also include a brochure about the school and details of how Mousehold and GWJ are working together to enable your children to meet their new teachers before the end of term.

Nursery

We will be sending a survey out to all Nursery parents on Monday asking if you would like your child to come back to school in the last week of term for 1 or 2 sessions (depending on how many children are coming back). A session will be a morning or an afternoon and we will let you know whether it will be Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. At the moment Miss Wood is unable to return to work so the teacher in the Nursery for those sessions will be one of our Reception teachers Mrs Jenkins.

Key worker and identified vulnerable children

In the last week of term the Year 1 and 2 key worker/vulnerable bubbles will be taught by a different teacher so the Year 2 children returning can have their own teacher. The teacher in these bubbles will be familiar to them so your children will still be settled and well looked after. Your children have shown amazing resilience through this time.

A video for our new Reception families.

The Reception teachers have been busy making a video to welcome our new children to our school and to introduce themselves. If you have a child starting in Reception in September you will find this video on our school website. It will hopefully help your children become more familiar with Mousehold.

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/news/>

Summer Holidays

The government has not said that schools need to remain open over the Summer holidays for keyworkers, so therefore the school will be closed

Thank you for working with us through this time. We are responding as a school community well to everything we have had to face. I appreciate all of your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Rebecca Westall
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Welcome to the Mousehold Sock Olympics!

This year, our Sports Day is looking a little different! Due to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics being postponed until 2021, Mousehold have planned a Sock Olympics just for you!

Have a go at the different activities and record your scores. Challenge your family to beat your scores!

We would love to see any photos/videos of you completing the events!



You will need

- A ball of socks
- Stopwatch/timer
- Tape measure

When you have completed the activities, you can send us your scores using the score card or record on some paper!

Sock Throw

Choose a starting position then see how far you can throw your ball of socks.
Measure your throw to the nearest cm!

Sock Catch

Drop your ball of socks behind your head then quickly try and catch it between your legs!
Have a practice first!
How many can you catch in 1 minute?

Sock Keepy Uppies

Can you keep your ball of socks up in the air using just your feet?
How many keepy uppies can you do in 1 minute?

Sock Basketball

Put a bucket or laundry basket 3m away. How many times can you throw your ball of socks into the bucket, collect, return and throw again in 1 minute?



Mousehold Infant & Nursery Sock Olympics Activity Card!



Sock Bowling

Set up 6 skittles (toilet roll tubes or empty bottles). Stand 3m away & use your ball of socks to knock them down! How many can you knock down in 3 separate throws?

Sock Jump

Place your ball of socks on the floor and see how many times you can jump over them and back in 1 minute!

Rainbow Sock Throw

Put your socks into one hand & throw to your other, like a rainbow arch! How many rainbows can you throw in 1 minute?



Jump In Your Socks

You can put your socks down for this one (or put them on!). Stand still and jump as far as you possibly can!

Sock Throw



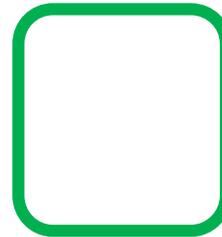
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Sock Catch



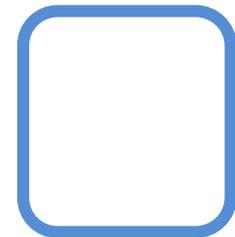
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Sock Keepy Uppies



How many can you do in 1 minute?

Sock Basketball



How many can you score in 1 minute?

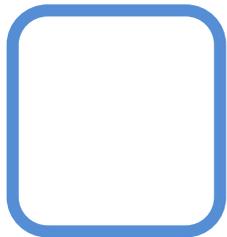
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Sock Olympics Score Card!

Name: _____ **Class:** _____

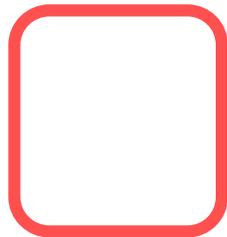


Sock Bowling



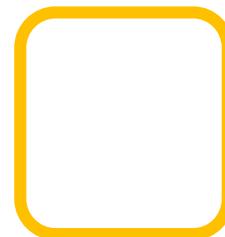
Have 3 goes!
Your score will be out of 18!

Sock Jump



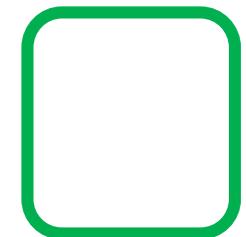
Measure to the nearest cm!

Rainbow Sock Throw



How many can you do in 1 minute?

Jump In Your Socks



Measure to the nearest cm!