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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy week at school. I have seen children learning with such enthusiasm and enjoyment. They are all very settled and our new EYFS children have already made some solid friendships. All children have got used to the new routines of school, with our bubble system still in place. To the children it all seems normal and there are many elements of our new way of doing things that we will keep when life returns back to more of a normal. There are of course some things we miss and we look forward to the time when we can invite you in again for learning cafes, assemblies and other school events.

### Curriculum at Mousehold

Please remember to look at our website. The curriculum maps for each year group are on there for you to see.

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

### How do we support children and families with home learning?

We believe that if children enjoy their learning then they will succeed because of self-belief. The home learning is always based around learning in class and often involves children practising a skill learnt in class or involves fun ways to remember and consolidate knowledge learnt in class.

Learning letters are sent home every fortnight. These help you understand what is being taught and why. The letters also give ideas for home learning.

**Knowledge Organisers** are sent home at the start of each topic and referred to as the lessons go by. These are for children, parents and staff to refer to enabling all to be aware of the new learning the children are experiencing. Our aim is for children to have a deep knowledge of the topic/subject by the end of the unit of work. They will then be able to transfer this knowledge to other areas of the curriculum and make links, strengthening their chances of remembering and understanding concepts.

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### **Individual School Photographs**

Individual School Photographs will be taken in school on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Unfortunately, because of the careful management of bubbles we will be unable to offer sibling photographs this year, unless the children are in the same class. We are trying a new photographer this year who are offering a very good price on a collection of unmounted photographs, in order to keep the photographs affordable.

Children in Skylark and Swift should come to school in uniform on this day, and not in PE Kit. Class teachers will make alternative provision for PE.

Nursery children who do not normally attend on a Thursday are welcome to come to the school office at 9am to have their photograph taken

### **Dates for your diary**

We would usually send home the diary dates for the whole year at this time. I am sure you can understand that we can't do this just yet because we don't know whether the guidance will change to allow for events such as Sports Day, Fundraising events etc. We will keep you posted on any confirmed dates.

### **October Halfterm**

Our last day before our half-term holiday is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. We return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

We continue to appreciate your support, cooperation and understanding at this time.

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours faithfully

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