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21st May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have really enjoyed inviting some families into school for open classrooms after school this week. This has been by appointment only and the opportunity is there for all families. Please either sign up on Parentmail or talk to the class teacher to arrange a time. Families have enjoyed looking at their children's books, classrooms and learning environments. It has been just as lovely for the teachers as it has for families. We have missed having families in school.

As we said last week in the newsletter, from last Monday **face masks do not need to be worn on the school playground**, as long as we all continue to **social distance** outside. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask then this is welcomed. If you need to talk to a teacher and this involves a close distance then please wear a face mask. Teachers will still be wearing masks at the classroom doors and senior leaders will be wearing them for now, as often they are talking to families. Please ensure your children continue to stand with you, and don't run around mixing with children from other bubbles. Our bubble system is still in place.

Positive cases of Covid - w/b 17th May - We have had no positive cases this week.

Safeguarding

These are some quotes about safeguarding from our families and staff. Please continue to feedback to us if you have anything to say about our safeguarding procedures:

Quotes from Staff Survey 2021

100% of staff feel safeguarding is a priority at Mousehold.

Safeguarding and well-being of families is a priority.

Safeguarding is addressed strongly.

Mousehold is a nurturing and creative place to work. It supports children, families and staff closely.

Good systems in place for safeguarding and this is a priority.

I always know there is someone there that can help if I have a problem.

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Quotes from Parents Survey 2021

98% of parents feel safeguarding children is a priority of the school and that it is communicated well to parents and carers.

Happy safe place with strong leadership.

We have a genuine impression that the school cares.

Children and parents are made to feel very welcome and genuinely cared for.

My child feels safe and happy at school.

My family have been supported with clothes, food and general help through the pandemic.

Please remember to look at our website to remind you of how safeguarding is always the main priority at Mousehold.

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

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours then the number to ring is:

CADS – Children’s Advice and Duty Service - 0344 800 8020.

GoGo Discover Trail - 2022. The year of the dinosaur!

We have already had some donations from families. Thank you! We hope we will reach our target amount through fundraising to enable us to be part of this trail in Summer 2022.

Learning and Curriculum news

Each week we will update you on some aspect of our curriculum. This week it’s all about Reception and Year 1....

Reception

This half term we have been looking at where our imagination could take us. We have enjoyed becoming storytellers using the small world as well as sharing stories, singing songs and learning raps. We have enjoyed the story the Gruffalo and have enjoyed making some spectacular clay models depicting the Gruffalo character. We are currently enjoying learning about the story of Rapunzel and will make potions next week. Stories and activities are being uploaded on the VLE every Friday for you to share as a family.

Year 1

"The Year one children have really been enjoying our "How can we help our world?" topic this half term. We have been thinking about things we can do at home, and at school as well as helping our wider world and environment. In history, we have explored some objects from throughout history such as wooden games

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*and toys, wash boards, a gas torch and a dial-up telephone! We have also talked about changes brought about by certain inventions which caused more pollution. In RE, we have been learning about traditions from different religions as well as special celebrations. We have thought about communities and how events such as Eid are important for the people who celebrate them. This has really helped us to learn about **Respect.** "*

Term Dates

May Half-term – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Last day of Summer Term – Friday 16th July.

Other dates

Class Photos Wednesday 9th June.

Individual School reports will be sent home on Friday 9th July.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation,

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

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