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28th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the last day of school before we have a week's half-term holiday. **School is closed next week.** We have frequently compared the first half of the Summer Term this year to this time last year. It is clear how far we have all come. We have been grateful to have had a period of time together with no bubble closures. We have really felt like one big family who support each other so well. Thank you for the part you have played in this as parents and carers. The Mousehold community is stronger than it has ever been.

Positive cases of Covid - w/b 24th May - We have had no positive cases this week.

Remembering Miss Jackman

Thank you for the donations in the Autumn Term in memory of our Parent Support Advisor, Ellie Jackman. We have purchased some wooden, hand crafted toadstools and they are in a sheltered area in our Secret Garden under our blossom tree. This will be a quiet, sensory space for children from across the whole school. Miss Jackman loved nature, bird song and the changes of seasons. We were also gifted a personalized print from Lucy Loveheart. This is now framed and will be positioned in school in a central space for all to see. Miss Jackman loved Lucy Loveheart's work and the hearts, fairies, butterflies, glitter and stars will always remind us of Miss Jackman and her generous, free spirit. There are photos on the school facebook page for you all to see.

Safeguarding

Mental Health Champions – Ensuring children, staff and parents have the support they need.

We are proud to introduce our Mental Health Champions. The information about their work is on the attached sheet. They are there to help us all and do such a wonderful job. If you click on this link you can see a photograph of our mental health champions:

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/safeguarding/mental-health-support/>

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

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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 are half way to raising the funds needed to have our own GoGo Dinosaur in the city centre next year.

We raised **£257.24** on our special non- uniform day last Friday and we have received **£50** in donations from parents through Parentmail. Thank you so much for your support and help with this project.

Class Photos

Your child will have their photograph taken with their class on **Wednesday 9th June.**

If your child has PE on this day can they please come to school in school uniform and the timetable will be changed to allow for this. Class teachers will let you know if your child’s PE lesson is on a different day that week.

EU Settle Status

EU citizens and their families (including non-EU citizens) who were resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue to live, work and study in the UK beyond 30 June 2021. Each child must have their own application. Even if they have lived in the UK for many years or have a permanent residence document, they still need to apply. The deadline to apply for EU Settled Status is Wednesday 30 June.

It is free to apply, and can be done quickly and easily online: Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status).

Transition into new year groups

We have given September a lot of thought and want to get the transition plans tight and timely for all children. We have been talking with our feeder junior schools. Parents of Year 2 children will receive letters from the junior school your children will be attending, very soon. Children currently in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will be mixed as they go into the next year group at Mousehold. This is because, due to low pupil numbers in some year groups, we are going to have one less class in September. We have looked mainly at

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friendship groups when deciding on classes and your children will all be with one or more of their friends. From September we will have Nursery, 3 Reception Classes, 2 Year 1 classes, 2 Year 2 classes, 1 Year1/2 class. We will be in the position to let you know your child's new class and teacher in the middle/end of June. There will be huge benefits of having an extra classroom space. We will use the mobile classroom for a sensory/nurture space and for small group work. This plan gives us many new opportunities and is really exciting for us all.

Learning and Curriculum news

Each week we will update you on some aspect of our curriculum. This week it's all about Science, Nursery and Year 2.

Science

You may have noticed some QR codes appearing around school this week. These were part of our Science Curriculum learning about Everyday Materials in Year 1 and 2. We had some interesting discussions around what QR codes are and what they are used for. Children were good at remembering where they have seen these when they have been out and about. We used the QR codes on the playground and in school for a Material treasure hunt using the iPads and children were excited to find out fascinating facts about the materials found around school. There was even a QR code on our brass school bell!

Year 2

This half term we have been learning all about castles and dragons. We have fully immersed ourselves in this topic and the children have shown their passion for this topic throughout their learning. We have written an amazing story sequel to George and the Dragon. In art we have created beautiful clay dragon eyes and winding mechanisms. In science we have been investigating which materials would be best for making a castle. We have loved having dance lessons focused on being villagers and dragons in medieval times. Year 2 enjoyed a virtual trip with Norwich Castle where we met medieval characters and were able to send in questions for them to answer, this sparked our imaginations and helped us to recall our previous learning as well as finding out more. The Year 2 staff are very proud of the children's achievements.

Nursery

In Kingfisher Nursery this half-term we have been learning about our 'Wonderful World'. The children have become expert gardeners, filling our windowsills and garden with flowers and vegetables, including 'magic beans' - we have been keeping an eye out for giants! They set up a garden centre in our role-play area, selling seeds, plants, tools and pots (which they had decorated). Nursery are keen nature detectives and have been identifying the minibeasts in the Secret Garden, birdwatching and looking after tadpoles. We even invited the Very Hungry Caterpillar into our snack room - he ate through all our fruit. We have discovered that repeating patterns and shapes are hidden in our environment, now we like to make and spot patterns everywhere. A big focus for language development has been our storytelling, where the children have listened to the adults and each other inventing and telling stories.

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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.

I hope you all have a really enjoyable and fun half-term and we will see you back in school on **Monday 7th June.**

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

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