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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the last week in June, we are beginning to reflect on the academic year so far. It is difficult to process quite everything the school community and country have experienced. I feel a huge sense of pride for our whole school community and the last few weeks we will celebrate our journey in a few different ways. We have a carnival week, the last week of term, with an external professional coming in to support with dance, creating, making and singing. We also have the Sports week coming up, '5 Rings of an Olympian.' As well as that we have safe transition plans for children who are staying with us and children who are moving on to new schools. We might not have our 'normal' end of term sports days and leavers assemblies, but we are making things extra special for the children in safe and manageable ways and we really feel their curriculum is being enriched right to the last day of term and these memories will last a life time. Please remember that our term dates have been different to most Norfolk schools this year and our last day of term is **Friday 16th July**. Next academic year we are following the Norfolk Term Dates.

Positive cases of Covid - w/b 21st June - we have had no positive cases this week.

Changes to staffing

Miss Wood has made the difficult decision to step down from leadership. She will still be a designated safeguarding lead and will also continue to be a full-time teacher in Nursery. She is an incredible leader and we will continue to draw upon her expertise in EYFS when focusing on school priorities. Thank you, Miss Wood for your hard work and commitment to the role.

Miss Balachandre will be our new Assistant Head in September. She currently teaches in Year 2 and has also taught in Nursery in our school, so has a broad experience of the different key stages and how children learn. Miss Balachandre will also be a designated safeguarding lead in September. Well done Miss Balachandre!

Miss Roberts who currently is teaching Swallow Class has a new role in another Trust school in September. We will be sad to see Miss Roberts leave but are grateful she is staying within the Trust. Well done Miss Roberts – you've been great!

Mr Tame, our Site Manager has spent some of his working week working across all 6 of the Trust schools this term. He will continue this in September. Well done Mr Tame!

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Community News - Research for the Pavilion Café in Waterloo Park

The Council is currently choosing a new tenant for the Waterloo Park Pavilion Cafe with hopes it will reopen in just a few months time. We are one potential tenant and we'd love to know your views, so our cafe plan will serve NR3 and park users in the best way. The survey is anonymous and available online here: <https://tinyurl.com/2hm83wbf> Your responses are much appreciated!

The Five Rings of an Olympian – Sports Week

We are excited to look ahead to the upcoming Olympics in Tokyo this summer. We will be exploring the Olympics and what it takes to become an Olympian as part of our sports week starting Monday 5th July. Guest teachers will be invited in from CSF to help us learn about healthy eating and the link between mental health and sport. On the VLE tonight is a dance for families to learn together which we will use to make up our very own Mousehold opening ceremony to launch our weeks learning. We hope you enjoy learning this dance together. If you would like to be included in our opening ceremony video, please send video clips into school using the link provided on the VLE. You may wish to send clips of your children dancing or the whole family, some staff may get involved too! We hope you have your dancing shoes ready!

Safeguarding - Keeping children safe on their way home from school.

Thank you for being mindful with driving and parking outside school. This has improved. At the end of the school day please can you make sure you accompany your children home or to the park. We believe that children at our school are too young to walk home or to the park on their own.

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.

Wellbeing and Mental Health

Our staff have signed up the our 'Wellbeing Buddy' system. It has been a great way to encourage and boost each other when stamina sometimes feels low. The support for each other is second to none at Mousehold.

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Dates for your diary:

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

Monday 12th July – Year 2 outdoor Samba performance to parents and carers. Timings to be arranged

Tuesday 13th July – Year 1 outdoor Capoeira lesson for parents and carers to watch. Timings to be arranged

Friday 16th July - Last day of Summer Term

Monday 6th September – First day back at school for the children. Office open for phone calls from Thursday 2nd September.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

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