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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had such a busy, fun week at Mousehold, and the next two weeks will be just the same I am sure. I think by the end of the next two weeks, children (and staff) will be more than ready for the summer holiday.

We are hoping that when we return to school in September there will be no bubble system and we can do more together as a whole school. It would be lovely to get back to inviting parents in for Reading, Phonics and Maths cafes, as well as class assemblies, Christmas performances and sports days. **If there is no bubble system there will be no staggered start and end times to the school day. The doors will be open at 8.50am and the end of the school day will be 3pm.** Apologies that we can't tell you for certain that this will be the case, but as you can understand we await guidance from the Government on the next steps as restrictions are lifted nationally.

Positive cases of Covid - w/b 28th June - We have had no positive cases this week.

Documenting Mousehold's journey through the pandemic – Can you help us?

As a school community I think it would be good to document the school's journey from March 2020 to now. We have been through so much, with so many changes to the way we do things, some very sudden announcements leading to sudden school closures and all of the time remaining a strong community. There have been so many positives throughout the time. I feel we are living through a future History lesson that children in 10-15 years time will be learning about. Leading this school through the pandemic has been so rewarding, but it has also come with its challenges. I am beginning to reflect on how it has shaped me as a leader and I know the staff of Mousehold have identified skills and stamina they didn't know they had. It has been a massive learning curve for us all. I also see the other side, being a parent myself, and how difficult it has been with managing what my own children need as well as the children of Mousehold. **If you would like to contribute to the document we are putting together I would be most grateful. A short paragraph would be lovely on your perception of the Mousehold journey over the last 2 years and what it has felt like as a parent/carer. An e mail to school would be great and I will collate them and edit into a document to mark our moment in history.** We don't claim to have got everything right, but as a school community we have certainly given it our best.

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Appropriate adult behavior and language on the school playground

Please can I remind you that all adults on the school playground and outside the school gates are role models for children in our school and for their younger siblings. We have had some recent situations where parents have sworn, using words or gesticulations, at other parents or children. This is upsetting for all involved and we ask that you are mindful of your language. If we feel your behavior is inappropriate on the school playground we have the right to ask you not to come onto the school site. Please can you also remember that gatherings of parents are not allowed within our covid risk assessment. Please keep 2m distance from others.

If you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation then please talk to a senior leader or your child's class teacher.

Carnival Fun! Please help us....

It's going to be Carnival Time at Mousehold soon! We have been busy preparing and making things but we need your help. We are collecting things for our school Carnival. Please can you bring in any small rinsed out plastic bottles with screw lids, rinsed out cartons with screw lids (such as juices cartons) and clean plastic bags. We can't wait to shake our shakers and have our class carnival parades!

Many thanks,

Ms Brown

Safeguarding

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.

Mental Health and Wellbeing - a message from The Mental Health Champions Team

"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within." Maya Angelou

It is so easy as a parent to feel overburdened and tired. It has been a tough year on many levels for so many of us. It's good to take time out for yourself to help yourself feel better able to cope with the daily challenges. This week we've included a link below to the Anna Freud website which we recently posted in our Mental Health section of our school website. The focus for this page is on self-care. The second website - Unlimited play, is looking at how to encourage yourself by using

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affirmations. An affirmation is a short phrase that can be read as an encouragement. We like the idea on the website of writing positive things down and sticking them in a place where you will see them regularly. Be kind to yourselves...

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/self-care-for-parents-and-carers/>

<https://unlimitedplay.org/10-encouraging-affirmations-for-parents/>

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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