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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have really enjoyed Sports week at school this week. I have seen children learning about the Olympics in many different ways. They have seen images and videos of previous Olympic Games, learnt about the 5 rings, made Olympic torches from recyclable materials, taken part in lots of physical activity, learnt about healthy eating and about the importance of being part of a team and what 'team spirit' means. It's been wonderful! Next week we look forward to our Carnival week!

Transition plans are well under way. All children have met their new teachers and teaching assistants in their own classroom, outside and when eating lunch. Teachers are having hand over conversations about their new class of children to ensure that we continue to support you as a family the best way we can as your child starts their new year group in September. The designated safeguarding leads will also ensure that the staff who will be directly working with your children, are aware of the support that your child and you might need. Mr Tolson, our Deputy Head and SENCO, is having conversations with teachers and with families to support with transition if your child needs extra support regarding a special need. It's a very busy time for us all and our priority is ensuring the transition is as smooth as possible whilst keeping to our covid risk assessment. Children who are going to Junior School in September have had a great transition too. We have had some really positive feedback.

Positive cases of Covid - w/b 5th July - We have had no positive cases this week.

Outdoor Performances next week:

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

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

Timings have been sent home to parents of children in Year 1 and 2. It is really important we stick to the timings and the plan of 1 parent to attend, unless the parent needs a carer with them. This is the only way we can hold these events safely.

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Designated safeguarding leads: Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood



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.

Mrs Westall

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.

Dates for your diary:

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

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

Friday 16th July - Last day of Summer Term

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

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

Headteacher

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