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IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATE CHANGES 'Save the Dates'

Dear Parent / Carer,

Firstly, I hope you and your loved are safe and well.

I would like to make you aware of some important date changes that we are making to our school calendar over the next week few weeks. As you know, during this time of year, we would normally be getting ready for two of our annual 'key events': Transition Week and our Year 2 Leaver's Ceremony/Celebrations.

Transition Week is an incredibly important event in school. We recognise that for many of our children, 'moving up' year groups can cause some worries. During transition week, our children have the opportunity to meet their new teacher, settle into their new classroom and make lots of new friends. During the week we also welcome our new Nursery and Reception children, who come into school for a series of stay and play sessions. Our Year 2 children also have the opportunity to visit their new schools (those transitioning to Hardwick spend the full week there)

After transition week, we also host and celebrate our Year 2 Leavers: this is a monumental event for our whole school community.

At present, organising these important events in our 'normal manner' is sadly not possible. Over the past month, I have had a number of parents message and call expressing their concerns at not having these events take place. As local cluster schools, we have also been sharing the same concerns. Both of these events are normally incredibly important, however, in light of the current situation that we find ourselves in, we believe that they are even more vital.

Due to COVID and the strict safety measures that we have in place, we are not in a position to host these events with the current 'bubble structure' and school opening plans that we have in place. Therefore, we are making the following date changes over the next few weeks in order for us to accommodate the events:

We will be breaking up for all children (apart from Key Worker children and vulnerable children) on Friday, 17th July (this is the same date as Derbyshire schools).

We will then be organising the following events in school:

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	Our current Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children will meet their new teachers (<i>further details are to follow</i>). School will still be open for key worker and vulnerable children.
Tuesday 21st July 'STAY AND PLAY': New Nursery and Reception	Our new Nursery and Reception children and our current Nursery children transitioning to Reception will meet their new teachers (<i>further details are to follow</i>). School will still be open for key worker and vulnerable children.
Wednesday 22nd July YEAR 2 LEAVER'S PICNIC	Our Year 2 children will be invited to take part in a picnic and enjoy some end of year celebrations (<i>further details are to follow</i>). School will still be open for key worker and vulnerable children.
Thursday 23rd July INSET DAY	School closed for all children apart from key worker and vulnerable children.
Friday 24th July INSET DAY – last day of term	School closed for all children.

As I am sure you can imagine, there is a significant amount of risk assessing that now needs to be completed in order to safely plan these days, however, we believe that the additional work is worth it due to the level of emotional support that these events will give to our children and families. We trust that you will support the decision that we have made as a school.

We will be in touch over the coming week to clarify arrangements for each of the individual events and share more information. For now, we wanted to give you all as much notice as possible to 'save the dates' in your own personal calendars and diaries.

We are looking forward to settling our children into the next phase of their school adventures, bidding a fond farewell to our Year 2 children and welcoming our new Nursery and Reception families and children into our school family.

Yours faithfully,

K. Leach

Ms. K Leach
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