



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week both in and out of school. We have learnt, played, celebrated, sang, yoga-ed, and now it's the weekend and time to relax. Gavin Williamson announced this week that it's "important to get every child back into school" in September. I agree. I personally have the determination to do the very best for our children, especially during this time of 'normalish' normal.

### **Founders Day**

Today's alternative Founders Day celebrated the variety of success and achievements from Reception to Year Six. Although we were not able to be together in the real world, I know that we had over 70 children watching simultaneously online. Well done everyone. Thank you to all of our parents for everything that you do and have done to support our school community. You all receive a virtual Parent's Award for contribution to Home Learning. If your child is not in school at the moment, don't worry, they will receive their certificates in the coming days. For those who were not able to tune in to our Founders Day broadcast, also don't worry, it will remain on Google Classroom over the weekend for you to watch as a family, when you have time. We will also be releasing elements of the broadcast onto our media channels. The content of this video should remain on Google Classroom and is for your personal viewing only. It was lovely to see the children in school today wearing bright colours, able to celebrate a momentous day. Founders Day 2020 will be remembered for a long time for lots of reasons. I sincerely look forward to SP75!

### **Uniform**

I have had several questions regarding uniform in September. At present, arrangements are still to be confirmed and I'm sure government guidance will develop over the next two months. We intend to be in Winter uniform from the 21st September. Please do not panic if you don't have a summer uniform that fits. Under the circumstances, winter uniforms will be acceptable, if we are no longer in sports kit.

### **Covid Testing**

We have been informed that the process of Covid-19 testing for children who develop symptoms is straightforward. A drive through test can be booked for the following day, where the whole family can be tested at the Corby test station and the results were returned by the end of that same day. In this case the results were negative and I'm pleased that Northamptonshire have made this process relatively easy and efficient. I know that it isn't a very pleasant test but I feel reassured that results are returned so swiftly. Should you or anyone in your household develop symptoms the rules are still the same. You should not come into school unless you have been tested (with a negative response) or for seven clear days after having symptoms.

### **Nursery**

Sunnylands Nursery children have been problem solving this week. Along with cogs, wheels, and posting activities the children have worked out how to move a plastic boat along some guttering using only the power of water! Also, they have been looking at the life cycle of butterflies. Several have been



spotted by the children in their gardens at home. Next week is the final week of this school year. Sunnylands staff are planning some special events to mark this, we hope the weather will be kind enough to let us enjoy our lovely surroundings as we have fun.

As the pubs and restaurants reopen this weekend, I hope you all remain safe and I hope we can make a speedy recovery to a more normal normal.

Warmest regards,

Mr Thomas