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Dear families

What a beautiful week of weather to begin the final half term of the school year! The children have been having a wonderful time outside this week, enjoying every outside learning opportunity. Our Year 6 children and staff also visited Stubbers this week. The children braved the high ropes, practised their bush craft, and fearlessly rock climbed; all as the sun shone down. Our Year Sixes are excellent ambassadors for the Federation; consistently showing the 'BUILD' core values. Indeed the staff at Stubbers were eager to convey to us how wonderful the children are. We are so very proud! Our thanks to our staff that worked tirelessly to make this memory-making experience happen.

With this glorious weather, please can we remind you to apply sun cream before your child comes to school. Children should not be bringing sun cream into school due to the number of allergies and skin conditions. Children also require a sun hat or cap at the moment too. Towers caps can be purchased from the Havering Schoolwear Shop. Hopefully the weather will last into September, so the caps will get plenty of use!

Please can we remind parents that we are a nut free school, we ask that you are mindful when sending your children in to school with a packed lunch or snack that there are pupils and staff with nut allergies in school. Thank you for your support with this matter.

A huge thank you to the COVID Marshall's that visited the school on Thursday. The Marshalls kindly offered masks to parents as they walked into the school. Please can we remind you that masks must be worn at all times on the school site when dropping off collecting your children. We understand that the warm weather is here and the masks can be uncomfortable, however, COVID is here too. We do not want to have to call families to inform them that their class need to self-isolate due to a positive case. Please help us to keep the whole community safe!

As we come closer to the end of our final term exciting plans are afoot for the year ahead. The legacy of Coronavirus is certainly taking shape as all people rebalance their lives and move to action. At the end of this academic year we shall be saying a fond farewell to Miss Smith and Miss Short who due to relocation will be continuing their love for teaching in schools in Essex County Council, Mr Ryan will also be taking the opportunity to continue his teaching career in Essex.

Mrs Atkin and Miss Davison look forward to taking on further opportunities of development working in primary schools in Barking and Dagenham. Mrs Combes, Mrs Ley and Mrs Lawless have decided to have a career break from school life for the time being as they focus on family.

The pandemic has really made everyone focus on what is important and whilst change is certainly a process and not an event, we are so thankful for the service of our colleagues and friends departing our schools this year. However, we have amazing new staff joining us from September ready to build upon the great work of those colleagues leaving us. We are so fortunate to have had an unprecedented number of excellent staff apply for our posts which was great for our children who deserve the best.

We have also appointed two new Deputy Head Teachers, who are experienced Assistant Head Teachers. Mrs Lloyd joins us from a school within Havering and will focus on further enhancing teaching and learning opportunities for our children, as well as the development of a teaching school culture to support the training of others. Mrs Berry joins us from a school in Barking and Dagenham and will be leading on all aspects of Inclusion and Special Educational Needs.

Mrs Agar joins us from Newham and is an extremely experienced member of staff. Miss Porter, Mrs Darlington, Mr Pitty and Mrs Pedder, all very experienced teachers, join us from schools within Havering. Miss MacLeod, Miss Harris and Miss Prutton will be embarking upon their teaching career with us at Towers.

We are still finalising details for the year ahead including the year groups staff will teach in, however, we aim to have one teacher from each year group 'moving up' with the year group for familiarity for the children and we will keep classes together due to the ongoing pandemic.

We really do have remarkable capacity to build on our strengths. The future really is bright for us at Towers and your child's best interests remain at the heart of all we do – and we know you will support us in providing a warm welcome to the new staff joining us when the time comes.

The European Championships kick off this evening, with Wales and England playing their first games this weekend and Scotland playing on Monday, we are sure that our children and families will enjoy watching the games and learning about other countries.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms L J Blurton and Mrs C D Hurley,

Head Teachers of Towers Infant and Junior schools

Diary dates

Individual and sibling photographs are scheduled for 16th June – Junior School and 17th June – Infant School

Unfortunately, on this occasion due to the pandemic and the need to limit visitors to the site, we are not able to hold the pre-school sessions for sibling photographs of children that do not attend Towers.

Nursery children that do not normally attend school on Thursday will be able to come to school to have their photo taken should they wish. However, these will be taken outside. If you would like your child to have their photo taken please email nursery@towersinfant.co.uk to allow us to make arrangements.

Class Group Photo's for Reception to Year 6 will be taken on Friday 18th June

SUMMER RAFFLE: Do you have your own business? Why not get the word out and raise the profile of your company by donating a prize for the FOTFA summer raffle? The raffle is one the main ways that we raise money for the children at Towers and all donations are hugely appreciated! Please email towersparentsa@yahoo.com if you can help

HAPPY BAGS COLLECTION - THURSDAY 1ST JULY Start getting your unneeded clothes, shoes (paired) and fashion accessories ready, the Happy Bag Van will be collecting from the school on 1st July. We will be sending a parentmail out with more details next week.

WE HAVE SOUTHEND / SEALIFE CENTRE TICKETS FOR SALE: Tickets for Southend are £13 each (online price £20) and £7 for SeaLife Centre. Contact us on towersparentsa@yahoo.com to purchase.

We are still accepting school uniform throughout the year - please contact us for details of drop off.

Enjoy the sunshine!