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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many parents were able to attend our parent teacher consultations last week. I hope that you found the information provided useful but please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher if you have any further questions. Following the Prime Ministers announcement that more COVID restrictions will be lifted on 17th May all schools received updated Department for Education COVID operating guidance this week. There were very few changes to the guidance and as such, we continue to operate in the same way; for example, the DfE continue to stress the importance of 'bubble's, ventilation, cleaning and restricting mixing, as much as possible.

Finally, I have decided to return to our pre-COVID newsletter format, in the hope that short, fortnightly updates keep you abreast of relevant news without overwhelming you with information.

Kind regards
Miss K Aldred

FOBSA Update

FOBSA have had to work in a different way this year, but have come up with innovative ideas to help us raise funds and are now busy planning events for the next few weeks.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone involved in FOBSA for their hard work and commitment. We will be saying goodbye to some of our committee members this summer, as their children leave the school. If you would be interested in volunteering please do let me know.

Key Dates

28/05 Last day of school, finish at normal times
29/05- Half Term
07/06 Inset Day
08/06 Children return to school
02/07 Annual reports issued to parents
21/07 Last day of school, finish at normal times

Full term dates can be found [here](#)

Exceptional Leave/Holidays

The Department for Education has written to all schools asking Headteachers to remind parents and carers that children should only be taken out of school, during term time in *exceptional circumstances*. For your information; holidays, even those postponed due to COVID-19 do not usually constitute exceptional circumstances and as such are unauthorised absences and parents and carers could be subject to a penalty notice fine or even prosecution. Our attendance policy, with further information can be found [here](#): I am mindful, that due to the pandemic many of our parents have never had the need to request exceptional leave. If you feel you are in that position please email the school office, requesting our exceptional leave form, giving as much notice as possible. In light of the disruption and continued interruptions to all children's education over the past year I strongly encourage you to book any holidays out of term time. Term dates for this year and next can be found on our website.

Peek at the Week

Now that we are all hopefully, back for the summer term we have begun to send *Peek at Week* home again, so that you are better informed about the learning going on in the classroom. We hope you find these newsletters useful and it aids you being able to support your child better at home.

Chapel Lane Development

I have been informed that the next stage of development will begin on Monday 17th May. I expect an increase of works traffic so please do take extra care.

Summer Term Plans

We are busy planning the summer term calendar of events for the children. Whilst COVID means that we are unable to run the 'normal events' this year such as family day, sports day and day trips we are keen to ensure the children are able to experience some special days, within school. I will update you with further information after half term.