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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start to the new school year. The children have settled really well into their new classes, including our Reception pupils. It is wonderful to be able to have whole school assemblies again and celebrate achievements and birthdays together. With classes being able to mix in the playground, the children from different year groups are getting to know each other and playing together which is so lovely.

The school community is really important and such a vital part of our school ethos. It has been so difficult during Covid to embrace this as much as we want to. This is why it is such a difficult decision for me to make to delay further having groups of parents in school. However, after speaking with other local schools who are seeing increasing numbers of cases of Covid 19 amongst their pupils and with numbers increasing nationally, I don't feel that we can invite parents and members of the wider community in for Harvest this year. I am really sorry but the health and safety of everyone has to take priority. We will still collect goods for The Hope Centre and someone from the centre will talk to the children about the work they do. I will send a list of items that they are particularly short of as soon as I have that and your child/ren can bring donations in on Friday October 8th.

We are hoping that by Christmas, things will have improved and we will be able to put on a wonderful Christmas Performance for you all to enjoy. We have also arranged class assemblies for this school year which are not included on the list of dates you received previously. These will take place at 9am and parents/carers of the children in the performing class will (hopefully) be welcome to attend. The dates for these are as follows;

Friday November 19th – Year 4

Friday February 4th – Year 1

Friday March 11th – Year 3

Friday April 1st – Reception

Friday May 20th – Year 2

Friday June 10th – Year 5 and 6

Photographs

Next Friday, October 1st, Tempest Photography will be in school to take individual school photographs. They will also photograph siblings together if the children are pupils of the school. However, they won't be including pre-school children this time I'm afraid as their current policy is not to have parents/carers present.

Parking

I have had a lot of correspondence from parents and residents regarding parking and concerns for everyone's safety. Please could you avoid parking at the school end of Church Lane as it reduces visibility on Sywell Road. Also, please do not turn round in Sywell Road or in residents' drives; Church Lane can be used to turn more safely if it is not obstructed and you do need to do so. Please do not park across driveways as



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this prevents access for residents to and from their homes and please do not park on the zig zags as they are there for the safety of everyone, including the children. Parking outside any school is difficult at drop off and pick up times and I do understand that as our school grows, there is more traffic but we do have to put everyone's safety first.

When the road was closed, everyone had to park a little way from school and walk. If this is something that you are able to do, please consider it as it may well be a safer option and walking is good for everyone! When you drop off and collect your child, if you have arrived by car it would be helpful if you could leave quickly in order to help the flow of traffic. The flexible start and split collection times should then help to reduce congestion. I have contacted the neighbourhood policing team to request further support with strategies to help with traffic and parking issues.

Play Equipment

The large play equipment has now been installed on the field and the children are super excited to play on it today. We also have air track and street dance tasters this afternoon and the school is full of very delicious looking cakes (thank you for all your donations). It's a very happy Friday here at Overstone Primary!

Have a lovely weekend everyone and thank you as always for your continued support.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Janice Mardell
Head Teacher