

Thursday 27th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow we come to the end of another half term, and I am so proud of how well the children have done, despite the changes and differences this year. This half term is the longest the children been in school since December, and they have all done incredibly well! Next week will be a very well-earned break for them, and for our school staff, who have been working very hard to support the children in their return to school.

Thank you also to parents for continuing to support us over a challenging year. So far, we have been incredibly lucky, as we have not had to close any of our bubbles. This is in part because our families have ensured children are tested and have self-isolated when needed. This luck may not last forever, but we are pleased that we've done this well so far, and we hope you are too!

Next week is the half term break, and we hope that you have a safe and peaceful time. We look forward to welcoming the children back again on **Monday 7th June** - hopefully with some sunshine!

Changes for Next Half Term

Thank you all for your support this half term in the changes to exit and entry to the school – this seems to have worked well, and will stay in place for the next half term as well.

Next half term we will be able to have the children spending some of their break and lunchtimes in a whole year group when they are outside. This will hopefully enable the children to see more of their friends in some of the different classes in their year group and will mean that their bubbles are year groups, not classes. We feel confident in adding this to our risk assessment now, as we have managed so well with our bubbles in school.

We are also hoping to be able to book some trips, and most of these will be based outdoors where possible, in order to ensure we can carry them out as safely as possible.

Covid 19 Symptoms

You will need to keep us informed if your child has a positive test over the half term break, as this may mean that others in the bubble need to self-isolate. Please e-mail office@monkwickjunior.school if this is the case.

A reminder that children must not attend school if they, or anyone in their household has the following symptoms:

- A new, continuous cough
- A temperature
- Loss of smell or taste.

If this is the case, the person with symptoms should book a Covid test. This must be a PCR test and not a lateral flow test.

We hope that you all have a wonderful break,

Kind Regards,

Miss McCutcheon
Headteacher