



Dear All,

What a great start to the second half of the Summer term! Our staff hit the ground running as we returned on Monday for a long safety briefing! Just like children, it was a lovely time to catch up and see each other in person—some staff we have not seen since the lockdown started! We too were a little anxious but it didn't take long to get into the 'new normal' expectations.

Typically, the weather has changed from the brilliant sunshine we were having to grey—just as we are delivering as much of our lessons outside as possible. The Key Worker pod has grown so much it has now formed 2 pods— one for the younger children and one with the older children. Although they have been used to school like this there were still new pod areas and routines for them to adapt to. 21 Year 6 's were the next in. I was so excited to see them again— so grown up. Year 6 and the Key Workers have been my guinea pigs as I am not allowed into their pods so my assemblies are being delivered live through a Teams meeting!! For those of you who know me well— technology is still learning to be kind...! The children have been amazing and adapted well to 'pod' life (as have the staff!) 20 Year 1's returned on Thursday and again it was delightful to see them all smiling and raring to go. My Teams Assembly worked today too which was also a relief. The highest percentage of Reception's returned on Friday with 20 of them in! I could not believe how much they have grown since I saw them last and was great to hear them buzzing in their learning too. Next week more children are set to return. Please remember if you are in these year groups and would like your child to return, to email the school office by the Wednesday the week before so we can organise the pods safely.

I have been working on the Acorns Nursery plans which are very exciting! We are almost there with the new logo and website domain which I will share with you next week. There are so many children, we are going to use the Lower Site building. Keep spreading the word!



WE HAVE A NEW DEPUTY HEAD STARTING IN SEPTEMBER......CONGRATULATIONS TO MR BOFFA!!!!

Stay safe and well!

Mrs Mace