



Hello everyone

Well, this week we are seeing our country starting to open up more.

This is such an important thing for our economy, but also for us all to be able to meet up with friends and family. I know we are all in agreement, that we have missed each other and the liberty that we normally take for granted. I wonder how many of you have had a haircut. Popped to the shop? Met up with family members in small groups?

It feels great, doesn't it? Slightly more like our old normal!

With just a week and a half to go before the summer break I was excited to hear that...

- on 11th July Outdoor pools and waterparks will be able to reopen; organised outdoor team sports (like cricket) will begin again; and theatres and music venues can start doing outdoor performances.
- On 13th July beauticians, nail salons and other close contact businesses can reopen, with some restrictions in place for high risk activities.
- 25th July Indoor gyms and swimming pools can reopen, so long as people follow the government's guidelines on social distancing, and try to keep the activities as short as possible; Indoor sports facilities and dance studios will be able to reopen.

I am excited to share that we have still been able to maintain a healthy environment; this week we have managed 186 children on one day, with 222 different children and 50 staff members across the school during this week on site, and approximately 104 children have chatted to their teacher by zoom.

This has been an incredible joint effort, based on following strict hygiene and cleaning regimes alongside maintaining social distancing for all adults and children alike.



I would like to say some personal thank-yous to the people who have supported this enormous endeavour for our children and the Claremont staffing team. They keep our school going but are less visible and have had to add additional tasks to their already busy roles: firstly to **Mrs Julie Cook**, for her and her team's dedication to ensuring we have sourced all the resources and products; to ensuring that all of the cleaning has taken place, both daily and the deep cleans; that the lunches have been cooked on site for the infants, and that hampers have been delivered for those entitled to them; that all correspondence around school business including admissions, attendance, transitions and other business is still operating; that all of our parents have received refunds for cancelled trips; and that our premises are safe, maintained and zoned to ensure social distancing takes place. You will recognise the team members: **Jodi Stevens**, **Steph Kirk**, **Senor Lalo** and **Diana Greenwood** (who also chairs our PTA). All of them have been involved and been an enormous support throughout the lockdown period and we really appreciate them.

Please do maintain social distancing, guidance around group gatherings and handwashing when you are out and about enjoying the ease of lockdown to support us as we all move forward together.

Keep in touch with any fabulous achievements or activities.

Have fun together, and look out for each other, Candi Roberts

Wellbeing

As it approaches the end of this long and unusual term, we are noticing that a lot of our children in school, and working from home, are really tired and may be struggling with anxiety or worry. All of our children are in differing situations at the moment: some are at home and have been for some time, some are in school in bubbles, some are preparing to go to secondary school.

One of the best ways we can support children is to dedicate time to talk; however, it can be difficult to know where to start or how to help. The attached resource from the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families suggests 7 ways to support children and young people who are worried that you may find helpful.



<https://www.annafreud.org/media/11459/7waysanxiety.pdf>



Well done to Jack and Nyah from Maple class who sold some of their toys to raise money for Salwa, the 5 year old girl in the Yemen featured on the news last week.

They raised £42.

Fantastic!

Mrs Ball has decided to change her name and so, from September, will be known as Miss James 😊



If you are looking for childcare during the Summer. There are spaces at **Beehive Holiday Club at Bishops Down Primary and Nursery School**. They are open from Thursday 23rd July to Friday 28th August. 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday

We take children from the ages of 3 to 11. The costs are:

- AM (8am-1pm) - £15.00
- PM (1pm - 6pm) - £15.00
- 6 hours (8am - 2pm) - £18.50
- 7 hours (8am - 3pm) - £22.00
- 8 hours (8am - 4pm) - £25.50
- 9 hours (8am - 5pm) - £30.00
- Full Day (8am - 6pm) - £30.00

Parents will need to provide a packed lunch, snacks and water bottle.

For more information please contact beehive@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk