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Dear parents,

As this half term draws to a close, I would really like to thank parents for all your support this half term. We have only had to close three classes for one week this half term, due to three siblings testing positive for Covid, and so the vast majority of children have been in school full time. Thank you for remaining vigilant with your children, giving them tests when necessary and ensuring that they do not come in to school when ill. Please remember to let us know if your child tests positive during the May half term – so we can complete our contact tracing.

We are still working within restrictions, but I am pleased that in the last few weeks, school life has started to feel like it is returning to normality. Thank you to our school kitchen for an amazing **Eid school dinner** last week. In addition, this week we were treated to a school dinner menu designed by **Marylebone** – the children worked hard to design a nutritious menu and our kitchen turned the vision into reality!

This week, the children seem to have been dodging the rain showers in order to have their **Sports days** – these events have been lovely to watch and all children appear to have had a great time! In addition, two of our Year 2 classes have had fantastic day trips to **Whipsnade zoo** – on their return the children were clearly still very excited by what they had seen and done during the day! **Bike training** continues for our Year 5 children and after half term our Year 6 children, who previously missed out, will be completing their training.

It was a complete privilege to watch **David Murphy**, a British conductor, and a small group of musicians play some of the music our Year 5 children had composed with him in their music lessons. I am sure the Year 5 children were as amazed as I was, by how their music sounded when played by professional musicians.

Parents' evening appears to have worked well again. Moving forward, we will be looking at a variety of options for parents' evenings, as we are aware that it can be challenging and time consuming coming in to school.



Road safety

As parents are aware, I stand at the front of the school daily and am becoming increasingly concerned by road safety. I genuinely am very worried that it is only a matter of time before a child gets hit by a car when crossing the road.

Last week, I watched a group of three children, with no adult, dodge cars when crossing the road. Please can I, once again, ask parents to model good road safety, both for your own children and the rest of the children in the school. There are traffic lights, with a crossing facility, which should be used.

If your children walk to school alone, please ensure that you remind them to use the traffic lights, as far too many children are now watching and following other parents who are running between cars.

I have also noted that there are a number of children / parents congregating at the opposite side of the road to the school. Please ensure that you are mindful that you are not in the way of parents who are trying to cross at the lights and/ or use the pavements.

Have a great half term – it looks like the sun will be shining for us all! As a reminder, all children return on Monday 7th June.

Yours sincerely,



