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### So lovely to see you.

This week has been a real highlight for us in school as we had the opportunity to see so many of you for the first time in so long. All the children who were unable to return to school this term, had the opportunity to visit us to collect books and receive a special message from their class teacher. Each child also received a special packet of wild flower seeds to say thank you for being so amazing during lockdown 2020 - to be scattered at home, or out on a walk, or to be brought back to school on our first day in September for us to scatter on the field and make a wild flower garden. It was fabulous to see the children (and parents) after such a long time and if how tall they had grown is anything to go by - it was clear that they must have all been eating you out of house and home!

### Update on Father Peter's apple tree, our time capsule and reflection garden.

You will remember that a few weeks ago, Father Peter kindly donated a beautiful apple tree to the school to remind the children of how we care for the world and how much we have cared about each other during the lockdown of 2020. Mrs Osborne and Year 6 have been working incredibly hard, digging up turf, laying a special and beautiful mosaic/textured path and planting the tree in our newly designed garden area. The kindly donated archway and other various items from Homebase have been put to excellent use and it is really starting to look amazing. The apple tree has been planted, but we have decided to wait until September to bury our time capsule so that all the children can be a part of the special occasion.

### Response to the Frequently Asked Questions document for parents.

We can't thank you enough for the incredibly positive response to the information we sent out earlier in the week about our return to school in September. Thank you too for getting in touch this week to ask any further questions you may have had. I have included a few below which I thought may be useful -

- Can my child wear a jogging suit to school on their P.E. day?  
Yes, their normal P.E. kit can be worn under a jogging suit, or sports hoodie - especially as the weather turns colder!
- What is the first day back to school?  
Monday 7th September
- When are the inset / non-pupil days next year?  
Monday 2nd November, Monday 22nd February, Thursday 22nd July and Friday 23rd July.
- If I have children in more than one year group - how will the staggered drop off work?

Teachers will be available in their classrooms from 8.30am, you can drop your first child off to their bubble and then walk round to the other bubbles to drop off your other children.

## Highway Farm

You will have seen from our Facebook post this week that Highway Farm will be able to operate an after school club from 3.15-6pm Mon-Fri during term time. The children will be met by someone from Highway farm in our outdoor classroom at the end of the day and walked over together. The cost is £7 per session which includes a snack and the children must bring a suitable change of clothes to wear outside as they are unable to lend things out under the current guidelines.

Please book a place directly with Highway Farm using their mobile number - 07798630481 or the email [highwayfarm1@sky.com](mailto:highwayfarm1@sky.com)

This is very nearly our final newsletter of the year! There will be just one more next week so that we can share some of the socially distanced fun and games of our Year 6's who are having a rather different but equally exciting leavers afternoon on Monday!

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Stay safe and please keep in touch,  
Mrs Craig



Year 6 planting our new apple tree in our reflection garden.

  
**We are back!**

Monday 27th July  
Wednesday 29th July  
Wednesday 5th August  
Friday 7th August  
11am to 1pm or 2pm to 4pm  
(More dates to come!)

Each day we will be offering 2 sessions.  
Let us know when your child aged 7-16 wants to come ASAP by contacting [manager@gwealantops.org](mailto:manager@gwealantops.org) stating their name and which session.  
Places are limited and we will try to ensure everyone has a go.



Due to Covid-19 safety guidance we have introduced a number of measures including:

- Smaller groups.
- Increased hygiene practices.
- Bookable sessions.
- Minimised contact.

Once a place has been confirmed we will send you more information.  
[www.gwealantops.org](http://www.gwealantops.org)



Our key worker bubble have been learning all about chocolate this week. They've learnt about the process of making it, tasting different chocolates and designed their own wrappers.