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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now getting to a point where we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. More and more people are being vaccinated and infection rates across the country are gradually reducing. After Boris Johnson's announcement on Monday, we are excited that we will be welcoming all the children back into school on Monday 8th March.

Over the next week, we will be going back over the systems and routines we had set up in the Autumn and making sure everything is ready for the children's return. I will send out a letter next week to all families to outline what we have in place so you can familiarise yourselves with school procedures. Our teachers and TA are planning some exciting learning for the last four weeks of term as well as a relaxed and nurturing few days when the children first come back into school. This will help everyone to get used to being back in school and for the children to reconnect with friends they have only seen on a screen for the last two months.

Online Safety

Over the last month, class teachers have been teaching online safety with the children on a weekly basis. The importance of this doesn't end when the children return to school. If you want to find out more about online safety or need advice on how you can keep your child safe online when they are using the internet at home, we can recommend the following websites:

- [Thinkuknow](#) by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) - resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- [Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#)
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP - support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) - [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Inclusive Digital Safety Hub](#) and [Online Safety Hub](#), created by South West Grid for Learning in partnership with Internet Matters - support and tailored advice for young people with additional learning needs and their parents or carers
- [Parents' Guide to Age Ratings](#) explains how the British Board of Film Classification rates content, and gives parents advice on choosing online content well

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World Book Day is Moving

World Book Day is supposed to be next week. We thought it would be better if we moved the date until Friday 12th March when all the children are back in school. Next week, we will send out more information about what is happening on 'Buckfastleigh Book Day'!

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is Friday 19th March. Please put the date in your diary and keep a look out for further information in our newsletter over the next few weeks.

Parent Meetings

We are hoping to hold virtual parent meetings during the last two weeks of term. That is the weeks beginning 22nd and 29th March. Later this term, further information will go out about how you can book an appointment on TEAMS with your child's teacher.

School Lunches, Breakfast Club and After-School Club

When school re-opens in full on 8th March, wrap around care and school lunches will run as normal. Please use Parent Pay to book a school lunch or a place in breakfast or after-school club. Should you have any problems accessing the system, please ring Kirsty in the school office.

Over the last week, we have had no positive cases from staff or children at school. We are continuing to remain vigilant and careful in school to keep everyone safe.

It is going to be fantastic to have all the children back soon. Thank you to everyone for all you have been doing. Have a great weekend and take care,

Eddie Brown

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