Friday 5th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back on Monday 8th March. We are sure you will be receiving quite a high volume of messages at the moment, especially if you have children in other schools so we will make this as clear and informative as we can.

Our main priority initially is helping the children transition back into school safely and happily. The staggered start to the day will continue between 8.30 am and 8.55am so that all children are settled for register at 9.00am in year 4. The timetable will be the same as the Autumn term with one session before a break at 10.30am and two sessions afterwards with lunch at 12.45pm. Due to the length of the morning, please ensure your child has a healthy snack for break time. School lunches will be eaten in the classroom and they are brought to the classroom by the meal time assistants.

**Curriculum**

We will continue with our curriculum from remote schooling but there will be continual assessments to gain a clearer picture of gaps and the lessons will be adapted accordingly.

**Home Learning Grids**

Getting used to the school routine will be very tiring for some children so for the rest of this term home learning will be limited to the basics of reading, spelling and times-tables. In the summer term as part of transition, we will be increasing the quantity but we will send out further details about this next term.

**Parents evening**

Parents evenings will take place via TEAMs at the start of the summer term and further details will be sent by the office.

**Planning ahead**

At present, we are looking into the possibility of Mount Batten outdoor activities days happening in June for the year 4 children as well as a river trip in the summer term. When we know more, we will be in contact with dates and times.

**Stationery**

Keeping the children well equipped with stationery is essential. Please ensure they have **as a minimum**: 2 pencils, a sharpener, rubber, a ruler, coloured pencils and pens.

**Reading books**

Please can we ask that all children bring their reading book and record into school on Monday 8th March so we can do a ‘book check’. As in the autumn term, please read with your child at least three times a week and comment on their reading in their record. Accelerated Reader quizzes will now only be completed in school with a teaching assistant or class teacher.

During the week beginning 15th March, a ‘Star Reading’ assessment will be undertaken in school in order to assess your child’s reading accuracy and comprehension. From this data, we will be able to move children on if needed.

**PE - Games**

This term, our day for PE has changed to a **Friday** so children can come dressed in their PE kits on this day.

**Home time**

Siblings will continue to be picked up at 2.55pm from the playground with the rest of the children at the bottom gate at 3.15pm for collection.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Bates and Mr Griggs