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Dear Polehampton Families,

New Guidance from the Government about all children returning to school in September

Yesterday, the government published their full guidance for schools for September. We are very glad to receive it now, so we have time to review what this means for our schools and share that with you before the end of term.

Written Reports this Academic Year

You will soon be receiving your child's academic report for this year. Please see my letter inside the envelope which describes our approach to report writing this year.

How and when will you receive them this year?

Children in the Priority group	You will receive yours on the next day you are in.
Foundation Stage	You will receive yours on the next day you are in - if you aren't in school, we will post it to you.
Year One	You will receive yours on the next day you are in - if you aren't in school, we will post it to you.
Year Two	If you have attended an induction morning already, yours will be posted. If you are still to attend, you will be given yours then.
Year Three	You will receive yours at your picnics on 10 th July - if you aren't able to attend, we will post it to you.
Year Four	You will receive yours at your picnics on 3 rd July - if you aren't able to attend, we will post it to you.
Year Five	Yours will be posted.
Year Six	You will receive yours on the next day you are in - if you aren't in school, we will post it to you.

Parent Comments - we value parent feedback about the reports. Please click here the link for your school. Thank you!

- [Infant School – Report comment by parents](#)
- [Junior School – Report comments by parents](#)

Assembly about being Anti-Racist

This week's assembly is about racism and how important it is to be anti-racist.

This includes the story of Rosa Parks, who was famous for her activism in America for equal rights for black people which started with her campaign for equality of the buses in Alabama.

<https://vimeo.com/433382875>

Our Year 2 and Year 6 Leavers

We will write to our Year 2 and 6 families next week with more information about marking the end of your time with us this term within the rules that we have, at the moment.

Year 2/5 Buddies

The Year 2/5 buddy system is a wonderful part of school life at Polehampton. During these different times, we have been looking at how best we can use this system.

In the days to come, each year 2 child will receive a Powerpoint presentation created by some of current year 5 children. This will give the year 2 children an insight into life at the Juniors.

We will review the new guidance in light of the buddies system, to see how we can allow our Yr2s to have this support in the Autumn term and how our Yr5s can have the experience of being our older children to mentor our younger ones.

Year 6 Leavers' Service – Oxford Diocese

The Oxford Diocese are offering an online Year Six service this year.

There are some online activities you might like to do to prepare in advance.

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/schools/prayerful-reflections/year-6-service/>

Managing Anxiety

Please see the attached leaflet regarding a free course about children's anxiety on Thursday 16th July 1-2pm via Zoom.

Different Ideas for Home-learning

I know your teachers send home lots of ideas for each year group – here are some other ideas if you fancy a family project or something different.

- **500 Words – Black Lives Matter theme**

500 Words is the world's largest story-writing competition for kids. Over a million stories have been submitted since 2011, in response to everything from technology to climate change. Now, we want to bring children's voices onto the themes and issues emerging from the Black Lives Matter movement. We want children to lead on the process of writing their story.

From 6:30am on Monday 29th June until Friday 3rd July at 11.59pm 2020, we invite children aged between 5 and 13 to respond in whatever way they wish in no more than 500 words, in the form of a story.

<https://500words.me/>

- **Saying Thank you!**

Here is a lovely website offering lots of free templates for Thank you art. Lots of famous illustrators have created a thank you scene to colour in and gift to someone or display in your window. I have a favourite few actually!!

<https://together.org.uk/say-thank-you/>

- **Art lessons with Mrs Howard**

A big thank you to Mrs Howard for these fabulous art activities – we hope you enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HgGphcRgHw>

- **Online gaming activities**

Online gaming can offer many positive experiences. It can give children and young people the chance to escape into a virtual world, to learn, and to connect with others.

However, there is a risk of children and young people viewing inappropriate content in games and being contacted by adults seeking to exploit them.

Think U Know (a super online safety organisation) have created many 15 minute activities to do with children covering lots of aspects of online safety. Go to week 8 to find activity pack for parents and carers to deliver to their children explores how they can stay safe while gaming:

[4-5s click here](#)

[5-7s click here](#)

[8-10 click here](#)

[11-13 click here](#)

We hope you have a peaceful weekend.

best wishes

Miss Ball, Mrs Castell, Mrs Medcalf and your Polehampton Team