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Dear Parents

We have had a super week at school helped by the fantastic weather; and some exciting news.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following discussions with consultants, and Aspire, I am really pleased to be able to tell you that I am now in a position to return to school!! From week commencing 22nd March I will begin to return to school on a phased return basis, to be increased over time. Mrs Murray and I will be meeting very soon to begin the handover process, and when I am not in school Mrs Murray will continue in her role as Acting Head until I am able to return to a fulltime schedule.

I am so looking forward to getting back to school and seeing all of the children, staff, and parents, I've missed you all so much. Thank you for all of your messages and best wishes, whether direct or via staff or Fiona over the last few months, I am so grateful.

Best wishes

Mr Barnard

Dear Parents,

As you will see from Mr Barnard's message, I am delighted to tell you that he has recovered well enough to be able to return to work on Monday 22nd March. This will be a phased return to begin with and we will all be so pleased to see him.



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Mrs Murray and Mr Barnard will work very closely together over the next few weeks and share the Head of School role. Until Mr Barnard is able to return full time, Mrs Murray will continue as Acting Head of School during the times he is not in school and out of school hours.

Miss Carolan will continue to teach Puffin class in the mornings and Kingfisher class in the afternoons until Mr Barnard's time in school increases. There will then be a cross over period between Mr Barnard and Miss Carolan for Puffin class and Mrs Murray and Miss Carolan for Kingfisher class to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Murray for doing a fantastic job at leading the school so well since last September, through the challenging times of a pandemic. It has not been easy but she has been amazing and I know has been well supported by the team at Cusgarne.

Well done and thank you.

Regards

Karen Middlemore

Strategic Partner

The children have been exploring a range of topics this week:



In Robin Class, the Year 1 children have been learning about The Great Fire of London and have used different art techniques to make the River Thames and the flames for our display.

The Reception children have been exploring the outside area and making the most of the good weather as well as sharing books from our class library.



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The Puffins have been learning how to change their own reading books this week. The children are now independently choosing and changing their book and then updating their Reading Record. So grown up!



In Starling Class this week, we have had a focus on poetry. We have been reading and writing rap poetry, we are enjoying the challenge of reading with attitude.

The Kingfishers have performed another exciting experiment this week. The children created their own 'Underwater Fireworks' using water, oil and food colouring!



Crisp packet recycling: After Easter, we will once again be collecting crisp packets for recycling. The Friends of Cusgarne do a brilliant job in fundraising for our school and crisp packet recycling is an easy way for you to help them raise funds.

When we return, you will notice a special recycle bin located in the playground. We ask that you bundle your crisp packets in a tied carrier bag and pop them into the recycle bin on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only. They can then be quarantined before collecting on Friday afternoons by the Friends.

Tomorrow is.....



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RED NOSE DAY



And we need your Superpowers!

A reminder to come into school dressed as a superhero. This could be a real or imaginary superhero: a superhero character from a film or book, a made-up superhero you would like to create, someone who you consider to be a lockdown superhero, a sporting hero or a person who is a superhero to you. Also, if you do have a red nose, a red nose T-shirt or anything red at home you could wear that instead.

Please could we ask you to make a donation to Comic Relief at home instead of bringing money into school. Further information about the amazing work and how to make a donation can be found at

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

Have a super weekend – enjoy the sunshine!

Yours sincerely

Julia Murray
Acting Head of School



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