

WORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL Bury Road, Wortham, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 1PX Headteacher: Mrs C Flatman

Dear Parents and Carers

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As we come to the end of another school year, there was no indication last September that the school would be closed for over two months with teaching moving on line and families staying at home wherever possible. I think everyone (including staff) had to learn new skills. 'Together we achieve' in action. On behalf of the governors, I would like to extend a very big thank you to Mrs Flatman and all the staff who have worked incredibly hard during this time. Several staff members helped to look after children of key workers in all the academy schools and all teaching staff provided work for children to complete at home with their parents and also kept in contact with families to offer encouragement and support. Thank you to all parents and carers who helped their children produce impressive work which could be seen on the school's Facebook page.

All children have now had the opportunity to return to school on a full or part time basis. It has been lovely to see the school gates open again and the delight on children's faces as they met up with their friends and teachers again. A great deal of work had to be done by the staff to make the school safe for the children to return and to ensure their continuing safety. The children and their parents have adjusted well to the strict timetable and the school is a different but still very happy place. The governors are delighted that the staff have been so willing to plan for all children to spend some time in school this term. There are not many schools that have been able to do this.

Sadly the end of year will be very different for Y6 – no SATs, no end of term performance and many of the end of primary school treats have not been allowed. They have been an amazing Y6 and we will miss them. Fortunately they have had the last half term with Miss Chenery and we wish them all every success as they move to Y7 in September.

There will be another change next year. The governors would like to congratulate Mrs Flatman on her appointment as Executive Head Teacher of Wortham Primary School and Great Whelnetham Primary School in Bury St Edmunds. We are very pleased that Wortham will not be losing her in this promotion. Mrs Flatman will spend half the week in Wortham and will most likely be there most mornings. The governors will appoint a Head of School from the current staff early in September. This is further recognition of the success of Wortham Primary School within All Saints Trust and we wish Mrs Flatman every success in her new role.

As I write this, the plan is that all children will return to school in September and we hope that will still be possible. I would like to wish you all a good summer break, even though for many families holidays will not be possible.

Yours sincerely.

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