



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Families,

I hope that you have had a lovely half-term break and that you have been well. I am pleased to be able to welcome all of the children back to school free from the Outbreak Management Plan. We have re-organised the school timetable so that we are not having to operate in year group 'bubbles' and hopefully we will be able to resume previously planned school visits and workshops and enjoy much missed Federated events.

Please continue to communicate with us via email or by calling the office and if you would like a face to face meeting, please request this via the school office and an appointment will be made.

Please make sure that you have secured your PAR appointment for this Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> or Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022. We will be selling plates of cakes in support of Macmillan Care so please bring some loose change.

### **A Piece of the Heart**

Thank you so much for your support of our Piece of the Heart Day and by contributing £2.00 in support of the Heart Cells Foundation. The children worked hard to gain a piece of the heart jigsaw by being physically and emotionally active, as a result of a series of activities planned to raise awareness. Across the Federation we managed to raise an incredible **£1725**. Thank you so much to you all.



### **Farewell Mrs Edwards (Jasmine)**

I would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Edwards who has worked at both William Morris and Lonesome these last 7 years. Mrs Edwards has supported many children and families who have needed a listening 'ear', parenting guidance or just someone that may be able to sign post them to other services. Mrs Edwards is also a valued member of our Strength lies in Differences team and in this role she has helped me shape our Being Different and Equal curriculum, as well as supporting staff in having a whole host of discussions about 'race'. We will be saying goodbye to her this coming Friday, as she welcomes and embraces her love of Play Therapy. Thank you Mrs Edwards.

### **Thank you and here welcomes a truly deserved retirement**

We will be saying Happy Retirement to Mrs Reed this Easter. As the giver of support, care and attention to so many across the Federation, Mrs Reed will be very much missed. Mrs Reed has devoted hours and hours to many of our families and for that I am ever so grateful. The support that Mrs Reed has provided to many staff is very much appreciated and the time spent sharing her knowledge with us all too. Mrs Reed is off to warmer climates to enjoy much deserved time with her loved one(s). We will also make sure that we provide Mrs Reed with much loved memories of our children and our 'ways' to show our appreciation.

### **Curriculum plans-what to expect**

Please be aware that your child's Curriculum information letter and homework jigsaw will have been sent to you this week and that Rapid Recovery sessions resume this week too. We will continue to host a few additional Strength lies in Differences early evening workshops for families and have planned to invite families of Year 5 and 6 children for a Sex and Relationships Education workshop this half-term too.

### **Individual school photographs**

Please put **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022** in your diaries, as this will be the day that your child and their sibling will have their photo taken for you to purchase if requested.

The additional Bank Holiday to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is planned for **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. This will mean that the school will be closed on this day.

I hope that you have a lovely week back with us,

Mrs Bull

Chief Executive Headteacher