



John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Hopefully nobody has melted away in the heat this week! Mrs Darvill and I dropped off some picnics to our Year Two children on Wednesday and we were very jealous that everyone we saw seemed to be in their paddling pools in the garden!

It's been a busy week again in school. We welcomed our first Year Two groups back for their farewell sessions. I don't want to spoil the surprise for the groups who are yet to come but I will say that it was fabulous to see them and they got to complete some lovely activities to make happy goodbye memories.

Also in school, some of our children have been making their own jam and scones. I've also seen some very painty feet in the Foundation classes!

At home, we've got to see some lovely Body work in Year Two and some tasty lunches in Year One- Luke M, your pizza looked delicious!!

Foundation Stage have been busy with their phonics. Special mention to Summer, Jazlyn and Alfie G for their continued efforts with their home learning. Don't forget that we love to see the things you've been doing at home so keep posting on Tapestry and Dojo.

Transition

As you will know, transition for all of our children will look very different this year. Transition is one of the most crucial things we plan. We must ensure that we make the move from one year group to the next as easy as possible for the children.

We recognise that we will be unable to do the normal transition activities with the children this year but we will be putting lots of information onto the class pages on our school website and once you know your child's class and teacher for next year, you will be able to check in to get a virtual transition.

End of term dates

The last day of term for our EYFS and Year One bubbles will be Friday 17th July.

Our Keyworker bubbles will remain open until Wednesday 22nd July.

At this time, we have no plans to remain open during the Summer Holidays.

Many of our keyworker children and their families have been working solidly since early March and they are all starting to fade now. The children have been totally amazing, often coming into school every day throughout the holidays and all through the Summer term. We are so proud of how well they have coped under very difficult circumstances.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of our John Ray Key workers for everything you have done to keep us all safe since we went into Lockdown, particularly our frontline NHS keyworkers who have had to work under extreme pressure to keep us safe.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Mills". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Headteacher

