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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will have heard in the press, the Government announced that there is no longer a plan for all children from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 to return to school prior to September. The children in each classroom currently, are spaced in line with our risk assessments. We are therefore at capacity in terms of both physical space and staffing capacity.

I appreciate this is disappointing and frustrating for all of our families. As mentioned previously we would like to make some connections using Zoom to meet the social and emotional needs of the children. The final page of this newsletter will contain some guidance on the use of Zoom and a shared set of 'rules'.

The first Zoom sessions will all be between **3.15pm and 3.45pm** for the children **NOT** in school and will be with your child's current class teacher and myself. The code to log on, will be sent via email.

Willow Class: Monday 15th June
Beech Class: Friday 19th June
Oak Class: Wednesday 17th June

September

What will happen in September is the question on everyone's lips and certainly in our minds too. Beyond any guidance received from National or Local Authority level, I want to reassure you that the wellbeing and needs of the children at our school, will guide our decision making and planning.

Normally in the summer term, we are preparing children for transition to the next year group, especially for Year 2 and 4. With new staff employed for September, many children in school will not have met their new teacher.

With this in mind, the next Home Learning packs will include a photograph and letter from your child's next teacher/s. The Home Learning packs will be available on **THURSDAY 25TH JUNE**, using the same time slots. I shall put a reminder on next week's newsletter.



Message for our children

The children in school are now in groups which we call 'bubbles'. Each bubble of children stay together throughout the day to learn, play and eat lunch. They are always with the same adults when they are inside school. I visit the 'bubbles' at the classroom doorways, and when I am outside on duty. We are getting used to this now – we do say the word 'bubble' much more than we normally would!

The facts for this week therefore are all about bubbles.

- a bubble is just air wrapped in soap film
- bubbles pop when the water between the soap film surfaces evaporates
- the colder the outside temperature is, the higher a bubble can fly because the warm air from your breath is lighter than cold air and warm air rises
- if bubbles are about the same size, they can join and form perfect hexagons just as bees do when they build a beehive

Make your own mixture:

1 Litre (hot) water,
250ml of good quality washing up liquid
2-4 table spoons of glycerine

You can also make Giant Bubble Wands! [Click here](#) for a simple guide.

Have fun – send some photos to your class email – I wonder who can make the biggest bubble!

Or you can have a go at making [Rainbow Bubble Snakes](#)

All you need is an empty water bottle, duct tape, a sports sock, washing up liquid and food colouring.

Cut the bottom of the water bottle off. Put the sock over the bottom of the bottle. You can use duct tape to secure the sock, but you could just use a rubber band.

Put some bubble mixture into a bowl.

You can add some colour to the bubble snakes with food colouring. Put the food colouring onto the sock. Dip the sock into the bubble mixture and blow through the bottle top!



Song for the week

This week's song is Happy by Pharrell Williams. [Click here](#) to listen and learn the lyrics.

Take care and Stay Safe

Mrs Smyth and the Singleton Team.



Using Zoom

Singleton CE Primary School Guidance

- Go to <https://zoom.us/>
- Select Sign up for Free
(although not essential to have an account to join a meeting, it is helpful)
- Complete the form

For Zoom sessions to be successful and safe, teachers and parents need to agree to the following guidance:

- Links to the session **cannot be shared with anyone** not on the original email distribution list
- All participants must be dressed appropriately (no pyjamas), check the background to your image to ensure it is appropriate and contains no personal or inappropriate material.
- 'Normal' classroom expectations of behaviour will apply
- No one is to record or share any images from the video conference lesson you are taking part in.
- Ensure you know how to turn off your microphone and video in case you need to do this at any point during the zoom session
- If there is a large amount of background noise, please turn off your microphone

Participation in any Zoom sessions between families and Singleton CE Primary School is, covered by the Computing and Internet Acceptable use Policy.