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Dear Parents,

Welcome to term 5! Can you believe we are already at the start of the summer term- this year has certainly gone quickly. The weather continues to help us all cope during this tricky time. We have had slightly more children attending childcare at school this week, averaging 14 a day- it has been lovely to see some new faces attend.

We are all really missing the children and I wanted to send them a little 'hello:' <https://www.facebook.com/2343858765881705/posts/2611827949084784/?vh=e&d=n>

For some of our school community, families will be celebrating Eid this week, so I hope you all have a lovely time and still manage to enjoy this special occasion.

Specific updates:

Teacher phone calls: During next week all teachers will be phoning every member of their class. We are just very aware that the children are really missing their teachers, and vice versa, and we would love to say a quick hello and reassure them we are all still here. Obviously this can't be an opportunity to offer tuition over the phone, but a quick catch up would be lovely! Some children may not want to speak on the phone- that is absolutely fine, we will chat to the parent instead. We will do our best to ring back if we can't get through the first time, so hopefully we will make all 420 phone calls in one week.

Home learning: Teachers will be posting on the class blogs, by noon today, next week's work plans for children. Please ensure you are still reading to and with your children as often as possible. <http://www.queensway.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=32>. We have had some feedback that families who are using a mobile phone are struggling to access some of the activities. I appreciate this is tricky, so I have asked teachers to check on their own phones what it looks like on these devices.

Year 6: Wykham Park Academy (WPA) have produced a specific 'transition' page on their website with activities and virtual tours for our Year 6s to look at. The activities are suitable for all children, even those not going to WPA. <https://wykhampark-aspirations.org/admissions-2/admissions/year-6-transition/>

Queensway Face Book page: We have loved seeing some of the photos families have sent in which are now on our Face Book page- children with their rainbow drawings and even dressed as rainbows- wonderful. <https://www.facebook.com/Queensway-Primary-School-2343858765881705/> Please keep them coming in by emailing photos to the office.

Support for parents:

- Cherwell District Council have produced a summary of local support for families: [CDC Schools helplines text.docx](#)
- Mental Health Support Team newsletter: [Newsletter MHST Primary 2.pdf](#)

Information for families who are in receipt of Free School Meals: Nothing new to report here. The Government system continues to be very slow but I hope that the e-vouchers are starting to come through. If your circumstances have changed and you feel you might be eligible now for Free School Meals please contact the school office. We have 106 children who are now eligible for Free School Meals in our school- a record high, which is indicative of the impact Covid-19 is having on families. .

Information for Key Workers and vulnerable families using Queensway childcare: As per the email sent on Wednesday 22nd April to particular families, please notify the school office by today at noon with your childcare requirements for next week: office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk. If you have booked sessions and no longer need them, please can you notify us.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you need any further clarification or support.

Keep well and stay safe,

Mrs Sarah Horbury Jakeman
Head Teacher