



*Jesus said, "I am the bread of life...Once a person is with me I hold on and don't let go."*

*John 6:35*

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The last few months have been the most difficult in living memory. From the conversations I have had with parents, children and staff there is an overwhelming desire to get back to normal. Though the summer break adds to the time the children have been away it is hoped that they can enjoy it for what it is without the worry of online learning and learning packs.

We do hope however that they have been able to do their transition tasks ready for the new school year.

# Transition Project

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July there is an important 2-week **Transition Project** for our pupils in F2 to Year 5, the purpose of which is to give children and parents the opportunity to reflect on this academic year and to start to think about moving to their new year group. After such a long break away from school the project will help support your child as they re-adjust and settle back into school life.

The 1<sup>st</sup> part of the project is more about themselves whilst the 2<sup>nd</sup> part is about sharing information about the year ahead. We have tried to keep this positive to help to reassure the children and yourselves about the return in September. We are encouraging parents to send in photos for the project, details of which are on the project overview.

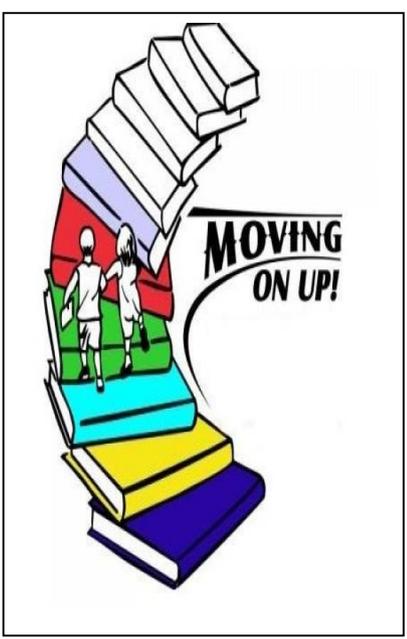
The project will be on Marvellous Me, Purple Mash, the School App and with a hard copy available from school. The second booklet will only be available on the school app and as a hard/paper copy available from school.



1st Part - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – to be completed over the next two weeks.

2<sup>nd</sup> Part – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – to be completed over the **Summer Break** ready for our return to school.

A second part of the project is a transition booklet which will help the children as they move to their new class. It includes information from their new teachers and some activities for children and parents to complete together.



Below are the classes for the new school year. Along with the transition project, staff will be sending out a video to celebrate the year that has gone and message the children they will be teaching in September.

Year Group	Teachers	Teaching Assistant
Foundation 2	Mrs Cartwright	Mrs Sprakes
Year 1	Mrs Wilkinson Mrs Carter	Mr McManus
Year 2	Miss Jones Miss Slinger	Mrs Milligan
Year 3	Mrs McMillan	Mrs Blundell Mrs Redgrift
Year 4	Mrs Britton	Miss Lawson
Year 5	Mrs Davies Mrs Benyon	Ms Harry
Year 6	Mrs Jones Mrs Kirkham	

## Dates

Just to bring to your attention a couple of key dates for the start of the new school year.

### Autumn Half Term Dates

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET DAY (Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September INSET DAY (2)</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>
<b>Weeks beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Parents Evenings (More information to follow)</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET DAY (3)</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM</b>	



Holiday dates for the new school year are attached. Specific dates, relating to other events during the terms, in school will be sent out in the Autumn Term and beyond.

# Uniform

When we return in September children will be expected to wear full school uniform. We have seen over the last few weeks how much the children want experience normal school life. In addition to learning and the structure to the school day, uniform enables the children to be in the right frame of mind ready to engage in school with focus and purpose.



We now longer sell uniform in school. There is a small amount of uniform left in school for sale. However once these items are sold we will be directing parents to buy what they need directly from our suppliers Direct & Stitch, in Tarran Way, Moreton. Please refer to the link on our school website.

### **We would like to remind parents that:**

- School shoes must be entirely black
- jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school. The only exception are earrings which must be small studs and not large or dangly earrings (this also includes hoops).
- all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.

### School Resources

We are currently looking at our Reading Curriculum and reviewing the books we share with children. As a result, we have put together an Amazon Wish list for any parent who would like to help with the purchases we make. Contributions made will be recognised with a bookplate, in each book, with the names of families who have supported us. The Amazon link will be shared via the school App from next week.



As with last school year we will be providing each pupil with a pencil case containing all that the children need to use in class. As a result, parents and carers are requested not to provide children with stationary to use in school. We hope this will cut down on what children bring into school and take the pressure off parents having to buy pens and pencils for their children to use.

We would like parents to check for any school reading and library books that the children may have at home. We ask that these are returned to school as soon as possible, before the end of the term.



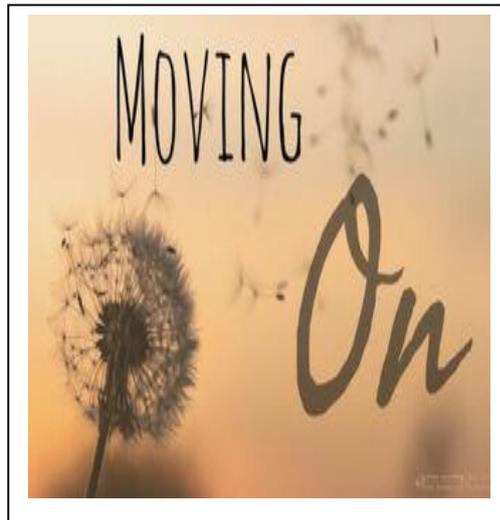
### Summer Holiday Activities

Just a reminder that Whizz Kids after school club will be open during the holiday from **20<sup>th</sup> July to 28<sup>th</sup> August**. Miss Lawson and her team can be contacted on **07949 488598** should you wish to book a place for your child. The cost of a place is **£14 if booked a week in advance or £16 if booked at short notice** if places are available.

Please keep an eye on the school app and twitter for any updates over the summer.

### “Time to say goodbye”

It is with sadness that at the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs McQuiston our year 5 teacher. Mrs McQuiston has been with us since 2006, initially as a student before becoming a member of staff in September 2007. During this time, she has had a huge impact on the life of the school. Mrs McQuiston is an extremely creative teacher who seeks different ways to bring learning to life and make the children’s experiences real. Mrs McQuiston has worked hard in all areas of the curriculum including Music, MFL and P.E. It is her hard work that enabled the children to have new sporting experiences during and after school and be able to take part in live music events outside school. I know that Peace Proms and Young Voices will live long in the memories of those pupils who experienced them.



Mrs McQuiston will be greatly missed by children, staff and parents and we thank her for her unceasing commitment to our school. We wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

## RETURNING TO SCHOOL

I am happy to say that Mrs Rushworth(SENCo) and Mrs Carter (Year 1) have returned to school following their respective maternity leaves. It’s great to have them back working with the children and part of the Woodchurch C.E family.

Following yesterday’s announcement regarding schools returning in September, we are currently giving their guidance careful consideration in order to draw up a plan. That plan will involve all pupils returning, however we need to ensure we do it in a safe and careful manner.

Further information will be sent out over the next week. In the meantime, we ask you to keep a close eye on the School App, Parent Mail and the other channels through which we communicate with you. In addition, we ask that you continue to refer to the school website for all information relating to the school.

Until next, time keep safe.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. McGregor'.

B.McGregor

*Rooted in the teachings of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit and our love of God, we aim to continue our long Christian history of serving our community. We plant the seeds of faith, which will enable all to grow together as a family and as individuals, living life in all its fullness and flourishing in the world, walking in the footsteps of Jesus.*

*“If you have faith as small as a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you.”  
Matthew 17:20*