

A message for the Year 6 children returning on 1st and 3rd June

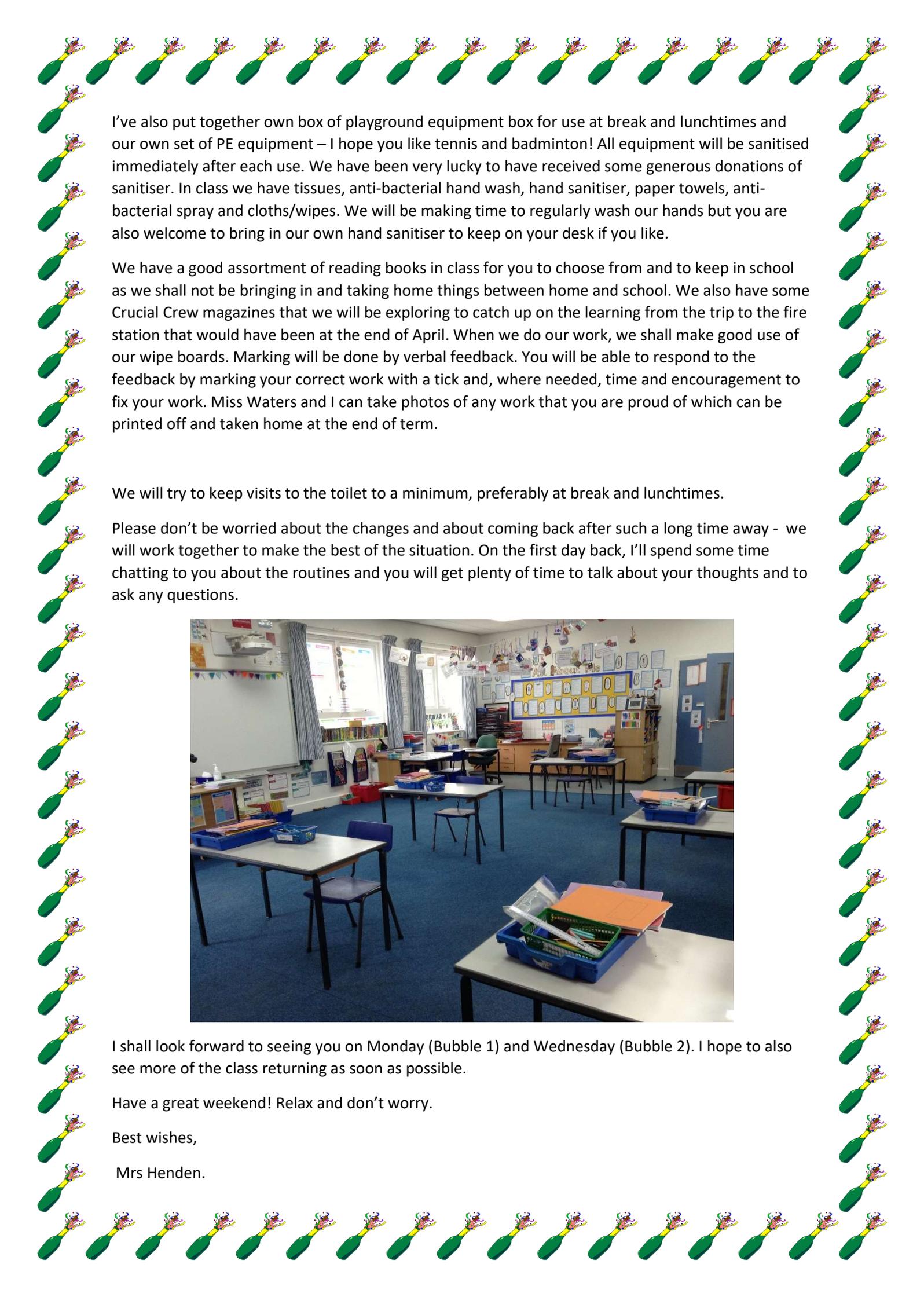
Dear Year 6 children,

It has been so long and I am very excited about seeing you again next week. I wish it could be the whole class as we were before but I shall do everything I can to reassure you and help you settle you back in gently.

This week I have been in school preparing the classroom for your return to make sure we are safe and ready. Although the desks are 2 metres apart, with small numbers of you, we shall be able to chat to one another easily. It will probably seem rather quiet. The other benefit of having such a good distance between desks is that we shall be able to use the space behind our desks to do PE with Joe Wicks inside when the weather is poor while still maintaining social distancing. Please do make sure each day to wear clothes and footwear that you can easily do sports or exercise in. We will be taking opportunities to learn outside so it's important for you to be comfortable.



Your desk will be your individual 'workstation'. On the desk is your tray of exercise books, a fresh wipe board and a clipboard (which will be helpful so that we can take some of our work outside). You also have your own basket which contains all the equipment that you need: pencil, pen, coloured pencils, felt-tip pens, scissors, sharpener, ruler, rubber and glue so you won't need to share with anyone. When you arrive, your packed lunch box can safely be stored under your workstation and your coat can be placed on the back of your chair. Please do bring in a sun hat and sun cream which can also be stored under your workstation.



I've also put together own box of playground equipment box for use at break and lunchtimes and our own set of PE equipment – I hope you like tennis and badminton! All equipment will be sanitised immediately after each use. We have been very lucky to have received some generous donations of sanitiser. In class we have tissues, anti-bacterial hand wash, hand sanitiser, paper towels, anti-bacterial spray and cloths/wipes. We will be making time to regularly wash our hands but you are also welcome to bring in our own hand sanitiser to keep on your desk if you like.

We have a good assortment of reading books in class for you to choose from and to keep in school as we shall not be bringing in and taking home things between home and school. We also have some Crucial Crew magazines that we will be exploring to catch up on the learning from the trip to the fire station that would have been at the end of April. When we do our work, we shall make good use of our wipe boards. Marking will be done by verbal feedback. You will be able to respond to the feedback by marking your correct work with a tick and, where needed, time and encouragement to fix your work. Miss Waters and I can take photos of any work that you are proud of which can be printed off and taken home at the end of term.

We will try to keep visits to the toilet to a minimum, preferably at break and lunchtimes.

Please don't be worried about the changes and about coming back after such a long time away - we will work together to make the best of the situation. On the first day back, I'll spend some time chatting to you about the routines and you will get plenty of time to talk about your thoughts and to ask any questions.



I shall look forward to seeing you on Monday (Bubble 1) and Wednesday (Bubble 2). I hope to also see more of the class returning as soon as possible.

Have a great weekend! Relax and don't worry.

Best wishes,

Mrs Henden.