Dear families

I hope that you are all safe and well. As you will have seen in the news, yesterday the government released their guidance on how schools should prepare to open for all children in September. Over the next few weeks we will be making sure that we have a detailed risk assessment and have put all the measures in place to be ready to open safely for all children. Once we know how school will work and look for the children we will use the website and email to provide information to help you to prepare them to return confidently and happily. We are really looking forward to being able to have everyone in school, we have missed you all!

The children’s end of year records of achievement will be available to collect from the school office from next Monday, 6th July. Any that have not be collected by the end of the week will be posted out to families. Your child will also receive a phone call from their new teacher next week to give them the chance to talk about themselves, what they are looking forward to in the new school year and also any concerns they may have.

Ofsted Report

Following a long delay due to the partial closure of schools our Ofsted report is now available on their website or our own school website. I am pleased that the children’s excellent behaviour, personal skills and positive attitudes were commented on along with the excellent care they receive from staff. The report recognises the positive changes that have started this year however we are aware that there is still much work to do. During lockdown we have continued work to develop the curriculum and the staff and I are committed to continuing to address the areas for improvement identified. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email if you have any questions about the report.

Learning at home and school this week

This week the children in Class 1 have made natural bird feeders from pine cones and have then written some instructions to tell other people how to make one. Look out for their instructions on the class page of the website if you would like to give it a try.

Our Y6 bubbles have researched the patterns used on ancient Greek pots and have learned how to draw figures in motion. Then they have used these to decorate some impressive Greek vases using oil pastels and powder paints.

Well done to everyone who is continuing to work hard at home. A special mention to Noah in F2 who has created an amazing ocean collage picture using papier-mâché, paper plates and lots of bright colours. If you enjoy creative activities don’t forget about the Rotherham Creative website www.rotherhamclc.org.uk It has a creative ideas for family learning section which is full of great activities. Thank you to all parents for your continued support with home learning; I know it isn’t easy but it does make such a difference.