



Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to COVID-19 restrictions being eased, I am so pleased that we have been able to offer children in all year groups some time in school before the summer break in a safe and controlled way without risk to the children and staff that we already have in school. Please rest assured that I would love to be able to offer more sessions; however, due to the restrictions around the size of groups, we physically don't have the additional space or staff capacity to offer more.

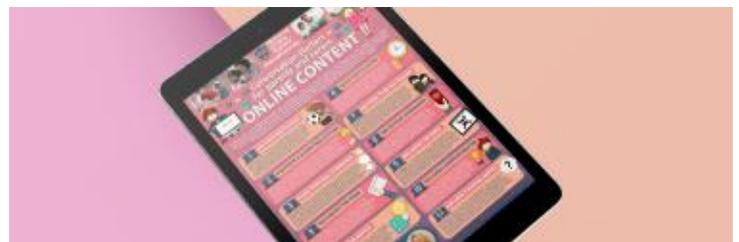
To enable us to get a sense of numbers, there is currently a [live survey](#) to be completed by Sunday evening. Once this has closed, we shall work on the groupings. Previously, we followed case study findings from Denmark because they were one of the first countries to re-open schools and their research showed that the best way for schools to decide groups/bubbles was by surname. This system made it fair and equitable for all and meant that siblings would be on the same day rota system. As a result, we adopted this for the groups that we currently have in and will use this for our new groups as well.

For our new children coming back, [click here](#) to access a video that the children can watch showing how different school looks at the moment and I hope that this will ease some of their anxieties.



## Important School Dates \*= New Item

<b>Thurs 2 Jul</b>	Reception Group B and C Pupils Return Year 1 Groups C and D Pupils Return Year 6 Groups C and D Pupils Return
<b>Thurs 9 Jul</b>	Reception Group A Pupils Return Year 1 Groups A and B Pupils Return Year 6 Groups A and B Pupils Return
<b>Thurs 16 Jul</b>	Reception Group B and C Pupils Return Year 1 Groups C and D Pupils Return Year 6 Groups C and D Pupils Return
<b>Fri 17 Jul</b>	Last day of term



## Conversation Starters for Parents and Carers: Online Content

As adults, speaking to your child about what they do and what they see online can often be difficult. As much as we know it exists, starting the conversation with children about inappropriate content or things that might make them feel uncomfortable can often feel like the hardest step. Here is a guide to help parents and carers approach that initial discussion with a little more confidence.

[Click here to read the guide](#)

## What's going on this week



### Why do we have statues?

Following protests campaigning for Black Lives Matter, demonstrators in Bristol pulled down a statue of a former slave trader, Edward Colston, and threw it into the harbour. It is likely that the statue will now be placed in a museum. Many other famous statues have been in question in other parts of the UK, with issues regarding what they represent and if they should be given prominent positions in towns and cities..

### Things to talk about at home...

- Do you know if there are any famous statues or monuments in your local area?
- Do you know why they are there and who the person is/what the object is?
- Is there anyone in your local area who you think deserves a statue? Why?
- Why do you think we choose to put up statues or monuments?

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss/](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss/)

# FNMR AGM



Is going virtual.....Monday 6th July 2020 6:30pm

The AGM is a great opportunity to hear all the amazing achievements Friends of nine mile ride with the help of YOU have completed for the school community in the last year, and what we have planned for the next year ahead.

FNMR are always actively looking for new members.  
Positions available are Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer and general committee members.

If you are interested in joining us, please email for a zoom invite  
[Beckydaybell@hotmail.com](mailto:Beckydaybell@hotmail.com)

BERKSHIRE MAESTROS PRESENTS

## THE BIG SING DAY

Saturday 27 June

Find your voice and come together with us to sing

You and everyone in your family is invited to join us for the first ever Berkshire Maestros online Big Sing Day! We believe that everyone has a voice so gather as many people as you can to join in with this FREE event to discover the amazing feel good power of group singing.

Our virtual doors will be open on Saturday 27 June to anyone who enjoys singing, including adults, whether you are a regular singer or just enjoy belting out a tune in the shower.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Bling Your Bike or Scooter Competition



**Win: A Brand New Micro Scooter!**



## How to Enter

This competition is open to primary school aged children attending a Wokingham Borough School. We are asking children to decorate their scooters or bikes with craft materials and send us photos of what you create. Be as creative and imaginative as you like with paper, glitter, tinsel and other materials. Once finished, please send photographs of your decorated scooter or bike to [myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk).

Please include your child's name, age and school.

The deadline for submitting entries is Sunday 19th July 2020.

The winner will be contacted after this and asked to provide their email address, which will be given to Microscooter so that they can deliver the prize.

Good Luck!

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