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Dear Pupils of King Athelstan,

We hope you are staying safe and well. We hope you had a good half term and that you enjoyed the lovely sunshine.

We wanted to let you know how things are going in school. We really miss having you all here and can't wait for the day when we are all back together again. It has been lovely to see a few Year 6 and Year 1 children who have started coming back to school in small groups. You all look so well - we love seeing your



longer hair styles and the gaps in your teeth where you have lost baby teeth! I expect those who we haven't see will also look much more grown up when we see you again. Do you think you have changed at all in the last 10 weeks? How do you look different? The teachers loved talking to you all on the phone or sending postcards to you before half term. Thank you to those children who have posted letters and postcards to the staff here. They have loved reading them and it's always a lovely surprise to get something in the post.



We hope you are enjoying doing your learning at home, listening to the stories that teachers have recorded, doing Pip's yoga videos and perhaps doing different things with your family. Remember you can have a go at things from other year groups too. Please keep sending your work in either on j2e or via the admin email admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org - we love seeing your work. You can see what other people are doing by looking at the home learning section of the website - maybe you can try some of the things other children have been doing?

Lots of things have changed in school. The staff here have been working hard to make the school really safe with new rules for the children coming back. At the front of the school there is a one-way system - you



come in through the main gates and leave through the car park. Tape shows you where to walk. No one comes into the office to give messages - these are all done by email and telephone. We have added different colours of tape to the floors in the corridors and lots of

signs to help people understand the new rules. Green arrows show which side of the corridor to walk and in which direction. Yellow lines show you



how to line up with 2m between each person. Children must not cross over orange lines! In the classrooms most of the furniture has been removed (it is being stored in the intervention rooms!) and trays have been turned around. Children who are in school sit on their own at a desk. Each pupil has a pack of resources with their name on it that only they use. They keep everything under their chair/table with lunch and their water bottle. We are not using book bags or our trays/coat pegs or lockers! We are not having assembly or lunch in the hall - everyone stays in their bubble to eat and work together as a team all day every day.

We are very excited to let you know that the KS2 playground work has started. There are lots of diggers and piles of earth everywhere as they are digging out the old tree roots and preparing for the new climbing frames. In the distance in the photo on the right, you can see some of the wooden frames that will be part of the new climbing frame. They will also be planting lots of trees



and shrubs to make it look really lovely, attract wildlife and give us shade in the future. It will take quite a few weeks to complete everything and it will be amazing when it is done. It will be here waiting for you when you come back next year. If you are in Year 6, don't worry, we will invite you back to spend some time using it when you have gone to secondary school.

If you are in Nursery, Reception or Year 1, you have lovely new canopies outside your classrooms. The old wooden ones were breaking and the roof leaked so we have replaced them with very smart new shelters made from dark grey metal with translucent Perspex roofs - these let the light through by also give you some shade.



One thing that hasn't changed is the happy smiley faces of the children and staff - they always make us all feel happy and glad to be part of the King Athelstan Family. If you are feeling sad at all - just think about some of your friends and teachers here at school, and the fun things that you do here, and you will soon find your smile again.

Look after yourselves and your families and remember to do something kind every day!

Kind regards,

Miss Newton and all the staff at King Athelstan

