

6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

From Mrs Eley...

I can now confirm that both schools will be closed for ALL children over the summer holidays. Both Newton Regis and Austrey will therefore close to children on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and reopen on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Hooray!! We have had government guidance that both schools will be able to reopen for ALL children in September. Children will continue to be in 'bubbles' but these will be increased to class sizes so all of our classes can run as normal. We want to get this right to minimise the disruption to the normal school day, especially for parents with children in multiple year groups as well supporting those parents who need breakfast and after school clubs as more of you return to work so are still working through guidance about before and after school clubs, staggered start and end times and arrangements for lunchtime but I wanted to let you all know this exciting news as soon as possible. As soon as all details have been confirmed we will let you know.

I can't put into words how pleased I am that we will be able to welcome all of our children back in their own classes with their own teachers – it is the news I have been waiting for since I started on 20<sup>th</sup> April!

To the children ....

I hope we will see lots of you for your picnic and to meet your teachers soon.

We are all really excited that you can all come back to school after the big summer holidays. Your grown-ups know who your teachers will be next year and I'm sure they have shared this with you. You will all be back with your friends that are in the same year as you and the new friends that you expected to be with in your class. We are all really excited that we all be back together as a whole school family.

Stay safe.