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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of everyone at Three Spires, may I wish you all a **happy and safe half-term holiday**.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our recent coffee morning. We were delighted to have the opportunity to answer your questions and hopefully give you a further insight into the changes that we have made since September 2019. To hear such wonderful comments and feedback was incredibly warming. I have relayed these comments back to our staff group, so they are fully aware of the difference they are making.

Shortly, you will receive a text message asking you to complete a parental survey. It is incredibly important for us to hear your feedback and hopefully capture some of the amazing comments you shared with us during our recent coffee morning. If you could complete this over the half-term break we would be very grateful. If you do not receive a text, you can access it by typing this link into your address bar:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H83ZPLJ>

Again, this half-term has simply flown by. We have continued to embed our new Pathways Curriculum and our positive approach to behaviour. We are seeing our children learn and develop skills that will enable them **to be the best they can be**. In Spring 2, we will be asking you to attend a parent consultation meeting so that we can share some of the amazing achievements your children are making at Three Spires. I hope to be able to share the dates with you immediately after half-term. Please do not feel you have to wait for this type of meeting; if you wish to have an update, please feel free to contact me directly (threespires@rnib.org.uk) and I will arrange a meeting at your convenience.

We have several school improvement projects being undertaken over the half-term holiday including re-carpeting and decoration in some key areas of the school. We continue to invest in additional resources and our Forest School and Allotment areas will be ready to go shortly.

We continue to work on the proposed merger, and we hope it will be fully completed by April 2020. Again, I will keep you updated with any developments. As part of this process it has become clear that a name change for the school may be beneficial; this has been supported by Coventry City Council and the Board of Thrive Education Partnership. Your views are sought on this matter within the parent survey.

Following a recent meeting with Coventry City Council they would like us to consult with you regarding the possibility of offering some secondary provision from September 2020; again, please comment on this matter within the survey.

As mentioned in our Autumn 1 newsletter, we would like to begin offering parental workshops/social events. Having met a number of parents for discussions around the difficulties and barriers you face, it is imperative that we support you and the family as well as the children in our school. Please do take your time to prioritise the twelve suggestions within the survey.

I would like to say a big thank you to the phenomenal staff team at Three Spires; through many changes they have continued to put your children at the forefront of everything they do.

As always, best wishes

Craig

PTA Update

Dawn, Hannah and Claire do a wonderful job, helping to secure additional funds and resources for Three Spires. Recently, we welcomed Paul, Phil and Mark to Three Spires. These gentlemen are involved in various industries and through Dawn's endeavour and resourcefulness, they have generously supported the school in recent months and years; they have been integral in securing our new minibus and helping to provide our family days with Severn Valley Railway. They were astounded to hear about some of the wonderful opportunities that they have helped to provide and committed to help us even more in the future. Phil made an incredibly generous personal donation to help fund some equine therapy sessions with horses and donkeys.

On behalf of everyone at Three Spires, we thank them for their continued support and generosity.

The PTA currently consists of 3 parents; any help that you can give is most welcome; even if it's an idea or an hour of your time in the school day. They are all parents and understand the call on your time - most activities are in school hours and it is a great opportunity to make friends and share some creative thoughts.

If you would like to consider joining or share ideas, then please contact Dawn on 07801 570599.

Important Dates for Diary

Easter Holidays

Friday 10th April (Bank Holiday) – Sunday 26th April 2020

Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May

Staff Training Days (children will not be present on these days)

Monday 20th July 2020

Tuesday 21st July 2020

Special Events

World Book day – 5th March

Autism Awareness day – 2nd April

Outdoor Classroom Day – 23rd May

World Ocean Day – 8th June

Leavers Assembly – 17th July



