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Dear Parents and Carers,

Only two weeks to go until the end of term and this time of the year always seems to get quite hectic – so here are just a few messages and reminders before we embark on the penultimate week.

Transition

The children have met their new class teacher today. The process has had to be quite brief given the implications of crossing bubbles, but we timed it to ensure as little impact as possible. The only class not able to meet their new teacher was Angelou class due to Miss Stevens being poorly today – but rest assured that we will make sure that this happens next week when she is back. I'm sure the children will be excited to tell you all about their sessions with their new teacher over the weekend.

Awards Ceremony

I have had the pleasure of having a special afternoon tea with Cecilia, Jack, Joshua, Lara and Roxanne from Rauf Class today as we watched the virtual student award ceremony. We would have been going to Birmingham for the ceremony as these five children were each nominated for an award for either Character, Competence or Community. Well done all of you for all that you bring to Marksbury Road in these different areas of academy life – I loved our afternoon tea together! 😊

Late Pick ups

If you are late collecting your children, please come and get them from the delivery gate on Marksbury Road. This should only be necessary in exceptional circumstances as the last pick up time is 3:30pm (soft finish from 3:15-3:30). Please do collect your children by this time as staff have various professional commitments and meetings many days after school which often start at 3:30pm. From Monday we will keep a log of late pickups and then we can arrange a meeting to discuss after school provision that you may want to buy i.e. spaces at our Gruffalo club if you need childcare from 3:30pm. Many thanks on advance for your understanding.

COVID cases

We continue to have a number of Covid cases in our staff and children. If you hear about a case in your child's class and are concerned that your child has not been asked to isolate, please don't worry. We spend a lot of time tracking and tracing dates and times and the guidance is very specific. If there is no isolation recommended it means that your child was not in contact with the positive case in the infectious period. As always, we will continue to be vigilant around symptoms as we move forward to the end of term.

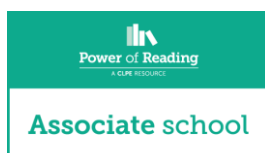
Parents Meetings and Reports

Thank you to everyone who met with teachers to celebrate their child's achievements last week. I know how much

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teachers love the opportunity to meet with you to talk about progress and targets. Some of you will have received your child's report by now, others will be sent out sometime before the end of term as we work through the process of reading and writing on each one. It's always a joy to read them – even if it is time consuming. Thank you for your patience with this.

Last week of term

As you know our teachers, and our lovely Heather work tirelessly to add weekly updates to the website. Please do check the class pages this week as there will be details on there which you will need to check regarding the last week of term. There will be socially distanced parties, sports events, and much fun which might need some additional preparation. Your class pages can be found on the academy website [Year Group Pages](#) .

New role

I wrote to you earlier this week to let you know about the new role that I'll be taking on in Oasis Community Learning from September. I just wanted to take the time to say thank you for all of the kind words, emails and wishes that I have received. It's so reassuring and lovely to know how supportive you are and such gestures do really mean so much.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,
Clare