

Dear Parents/Carers

It was so good to see you all at the school gates over the last few days to welcome all of your children back to school.

I have been around school talking to all the classes, welcoming them back, catching up with them and discussing my expectations for the next few weeks leading up to the Easter holidays.

As with any message I share with your children, it is important that we all have these common goals in mind.

Firstly, I welcomed back all the children and thanked them for the effort they had put in with their home learning or with their work in school. We discussed the fact that we will have all managed to achieve different things during this lockdown but the message was firmly that we now move forward, not look back. We all now have the opportunity to get back to school and focus on our learning and our social interactions.

Further to this, we talked about all the things that makes school unique, with thirty individuals sharing one space for a large part of the day. Within this we talked about some of these skills such as:

- Listening in a group for a sustained period
- Managing the school routines
- Managing friendships and social interactions with a number of people
- How we deal with friendship breakdowns, and those small disagreements that happen every day
- Managing time well
- Playing with a number of different children on one space in the yard

We all acknowledged that these skills can be challenging but all agreed to work hard with them and to get used to being together again.

Finally, we discussed how we learn and '**be the best we can be**'. Your children listened carefully to the messages and all were up for the challenges that lie ahead.

Once again thank you for all your efforts since the turn of the year. They have been much appreciated and we are now hopefully looking forward to some uninterrupted time in school with your children.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office on office@wallsendjubileeps.org.uk .