

# ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



## Friday June 5th 2020

Dear Parents, Staff and Children

If you have been watching Springwatch recently, you will have no doubt rejoiced in the scenes of nature: animals rearing their young, creatures' habits caught on webcams, life cycles unfurling, landscapes on which to feast your eyes, presenters enthusing and sharing their passion.....

Well, life at Arnett Hills JMI has been a little like Springwatch!! As I sit working in my office, the voices of the children drift in through my window like birdsong - and most welcome it is! I see flashes of yellow, like brightly coloured plumage, as I walk around the school. The field and wooded area are inhabited again by children playing, and all members of staff are keeping a watchful eye on them including those teachers working off site (through live lessons).

Having the children back (albeit only certain year groups and in half class sizes) has been wonderful. We have watched them skip through the gate (diligently following our new one way system) with huge smiles on their faces. I cannot tell you what a joy that is to us all. The teachers, learning support assistants, admin, catering and premises staff have welcomed the children back with virtual hugs!

The children have shown great resilience, adapting without fuss or complaint to classrooms which are laid out very differently to 'the norm,' eating lunch in their classrooms and washing their hands at regular intervals.

We hope that the children have enjoyed the return and continue to do so. There will undoubtedly be further changes that I will have to implement and I thank you, in advance, for your flexibility, patience and understanding in these matters. Your role as families has been an important ingredient in this process.

Thank you for your ongoing support, your really kind messages and the cakes/biscuits!!! A huge thank you also to those of you who do voluntary work at our school (usually!) - we wish you a 'Happy Volunteers Week' (June 1st to 5th)

Have a lovely weekend everyone. Keep safe.

Miss Ali and the team at Arnett Hills