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Hey folks,

 Feels like an age since we’ve put out a normal newsletter, you must all be running out of paper for the cat litter tray by now!

 First-off, we would like to say a massive thank you to you all for your support and understanding during our tentative re-opening. All of you that have returned so far seem to have embraced the new routines and procedures really well. If you are due to return soon then can you please make sure that you have a read through the letter we sent via email on 26th May and fill in and return the forms that were attached as soon as possible.

 With lockdown restrictions gradually being lifted it is really important that we continue to follow the guidelines, particularly the importance of not sending in your child if you or any member of your household is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19.

 Any of you that have been in receipt of the additional Covid-19 funding for the children of key workers please be aware that the claim period will end on the 24th July and from that day forward our normal fees will apply. We also have a pile of paperwork that we will be delivering over the course of this week for those of you that qualify for Early Years Funding from September, it is important that we receive these forms back within 2 weeks otherwise we cannot guarantee that the funded space will be available.

 We have had a good look at our commitments over the next two months and with the reduced number of children we have at the moment coupled with the fact that some children do not attend during the summer holidays we have taken the decision that we will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the summer holidays. From September we will be open from Monday to Friday as normal.

 From September we have made the decision to take back on one of our school runs, we will be sticking to one child from one school to start with and until such time that guidance changes, we will not be taking any other children with us. This is an arrangement we will review and assess continually.

 Last but by no means least you may remember that it is Carol’s big birthday this year (21 again!) and our original plan was to have a nice holiday at that time. It’s been a really hard decision to make but we feel that this is not the right time to be travelling anywhere and the additional risks involved to the children and all of you means that we have decided to postpone our holiday until sometime in 2021, as soon as we have decided on a date we will let you all know.

 With this in mind we will only be taking 2 days holiday around Carol’s birthday instead of our original plan of 2 weeks, we will be off on Friday 18th and Monday 21st September so we can suitably celebrate Carol’s day.

 That’s it for today folks, we hope those of you that we are yet to catch up with are keeping safe and well and we look forward to the sense of normality that September will bring.

 Kind regards

 **Carol & Nik.**