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Dear Families

As I write to you today, the sun has finally made a re-appearance . . . . and already we are moaning about how hot it is! There is just no pleasing the British when it comes to the weather!

I hope that your children have enjoyed their final zoom sessions with their current class. It is not the way in which we hoped to be saying 'Goodbye' to our pupils when we started the year but we have lived through a very strange four months! We are all sad to be losing the children and families whom we currently work with but are also looking forward to meeting new children in September.

The transition days for pupils this week have been a roaring success! It has been fabulous to see so many familiar faces back in school but also a joy to meet new pupils who will be joining us. Below are a selection of photos of the classes who have attended school this week;

ROBINS



PENGUINS



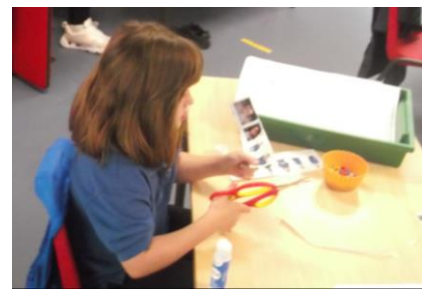
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## SWIFTS



## EAGLES



## KINGFISHERS



The children (and staff) coped magnificently with all of the changes that they met and all seemed so happy to be back in school!

I will be writing to you again next week as we approach the end of term ( and to share photos of the Owls, Toucans and Kestrels!). However I have been asked by the local authority to share with you some proposals for the transportation of pupils into school in September. We are currently in communication with the local authority regarding the safe transportation of pupils next term. I will write with further information regarding this next week. However, the LA have a proposal for families who are not comfortable with sending their child into school via the school bus. Given the concerns many families may have about their child returning to school and/or travelling on contracted transport, a PTB (Personal Transport Budget) is an option that you may wish to consider. PTBs are calculated on the basis of 0.45p a mile, using the child's home-school distance and four journeys a day. For example, a child living 10 miles from school would receive a PTB of £18 a day ( $0.45 \times 10 \times 4$ ). If you are interested in receiving a PTB you should contact the SEN transport team via email to [schooltransport@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransport@hertfordshire.gov.uk) This option would enable parents to transport their children into school themselves in the family car.

So . . . the end of another busy and positive week. Get out into the garden, enjoy a bit of R and R and make the most of the sunshine. Take care.

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