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Dear Parent/Carer

26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### **Re: Changes to our Celebration Assembly**

This week we are introducing a new idea which we are all very excited about. We have invested in Zoom Professional in order to provide a secure way in which our children can meet up with each other.

We have decided to hold our usual Friday Celebration Assembly in each class via Zoom and invite all of our children whether at home or in school to join the assembly. This will be a great opportunity for the children to see each other, see their teachers and to celebrate achievements over the week.

We feel it is extremely important for the children's emotional well-being and mental health that they have an opportunity to spend at least some time together and at least see other familiar faces.

As such, starting on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 we will be holding Celebration Assemblies via Zoom as follows:

9.15am – Nursery and Reception  
9.45am – Class 5  
10.15am – Class 1  
2.00pm – Class 3  
2.30pm – Class 2

Class 4 will hold their Celebration Assembly on a Wednesday at 9.15am so that Mrs Green and Miss Hunter-Purvis can both be present to meet with the children in their class.

The sessions will last approximately 20 minutes, children do not need a zoom account to join the meeting and can use any audio device to join. Children can use the video function but initially they will be muted until both teachers and children get used to this new way of working together.

Children can join the meeting a few minutes before the start time and will be held in a waiting room until their teacher admits them to the meeting. During the meeting they will see certificates being awarded and will also watch a powerpoint presentation of examples of great work submitted during that week.

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The meeting ID, passcode and joining link will be uploaded by each Class Teacher onto Seesaw prior to the Celebration Assembly each week. Please note that this is a session for children and therefore we do not expect adults to attend.

Adults are very welcome to join myself for our Keeping Connected Coffee Mornings which take place every Friday at 11am. Just contact the school office or email [admin@stanhopebarrington.org.uk](mailto:admin@stanhopebarrington.org.uk) to register to attend the coffee morning and the link will be sent directly to you.

We really hope that our Celebration Assemblies are welcomed and well attended by our children. We have lots of plans to develop the sessions including introducing interactive quizzes and games but let's learn to walk before we run!

Can I just remind everyone that if your child does take part in the zoom sessions, they MUST follow the social media guidance, remote learning guidance and policy documents which are available on our website.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs Cross*

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