

Report from Dennington C of E Primary School

(taken from most recent newsletter)

At Dennington School we were very glad to welcome back some of our pupils on June 1 .

During the lockdown period the school has provided weekly work for each subject for the children in each class to do at home and parents have turned into great teachers! We have been sent emails and pictures of work to comment on and mark and it has been good to see the creativity and enthusiasm of many children to extend their learning in fun and interesting ways. The village might have noticed children out and about identifying trees or testing out boat designs!

We were in telephone contact with all our families and it was lovely to be able to find out about how the children were getting on. We are continuing to provide this work for the families who are not yet able to return to school.

When the Government announced that pupils in Reception Year and Years 1 and 6 would be able to return, we set to work to make that return as safe and practicable as possible. Fortunately our lovely Victorian building actually facilitated this well and we have been able to operate a "Bubble System" at Dennington efficiently, with the children working and playing in their three "bubbles".

Despite what may be heard from the wider media about schools, the staff at Dennington have all had a great "can-do" positivity about the return to school for these pupils and we have striven to create an environment that follows all the safety measures and is welcoming too.

The children who have returned have done brilliantly and settled in very well. The school does feel a bit quiet still but it has been great to have at least some children's voices in school again!

Our guinea pigs, Cookie and Peanut, were pleased to be back at school!