

11th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near to the end of term we have lots of things to celebrate and reflect upon. We have welcomed children back into strange times with new routines and guidelines. However, there are so many things to celebrate. The new reading books and reading curriculum in school has seen a huge impact in the outcomes for our children in their ability to read in only one term. In the star reader tests that they completed last week it showed that most classes made an average of 9 months progress in 3 months. I find children sitting and reading books in their lunch times and have had many wonderful discussions about books with children. This is such great progress for the school and our wonderful children as being a good reader opens many doors for them all.

Our year 2 children in Otters class have had to complete the statutory phonics screening check this week as they did not complete it as they would have done in Year 1. They have worked amazingly well and 87% of children passed. This is such amazing news and we are so proud of them all.

The PATHs project has been so positive for our children, supporting them to really understand different feelings and how to problem solve better when faced with difficulties. Rosie our coach talks very positively of the progress we are making in this area and we are really enjoying this journey.

I have loved giving out the new certificates that celebrate children who have demonstrated our new school values over the last few weeks and cherish the way children are understanding how these values underpin all that we are doing. The reams of positive postcards that we send home each week is growing too and brings all of us joy when we see how the children's positive behaviours and attitudes are celebrated.

At the end of this term we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Brandon in Hedgehogs class as she moves on to a new chapter in her career in a new school. We wish her the very best of luck and look forward to hearing all about her new adventure.

Mrs Holmes will also be leaving at the end of this term to ventures new. She has worked at the school for a long time and developed relationships with many parents, children and staff. We will miss Mrs Holmes greatly but wish her the best of luck moving forward.

Hedgehogs will be welcoming Mrs Brighton as their new permanent teacher On Wednesdays and Thursdays from January. She has been in to meet the children already and is very excited to be part of our journey as a school. We will also be welcoming a very experienced teacher, Mrs McGhee, who will be joining us from January for half a term.

Due to personal circumstances, Miss Baker will be leaving our school at the end of term. We are very sad to see her go and would like to thank her for all of the hard work and dedication she has given to the children at Woolpit. We would like to wish her well in her next venture. Mrs Varella who has been teaching in Robins class and Mr Reynell will be teaching in Badgers next term.

On Monday 7th December, we welcomed another member to our school team, Mrs Studd. She will be a behaviour support assistant to work alongside our lead behaviour support assistant, Ms Elomri. Mrs Studd is also an HLTA.

We understand that this is a lot of change for the school over the next term but we will still be working hard to ensure standards are still driving forward and the children are given the best nurture and education that we can provide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for all of your parental support over this term. It is really appreciated by us all.

Kind Regards

Mrs Clayton
Headteacher