

Huish Episcopi Primary School

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Dear parents and carers

Firstly, I am writing to you to thank you for your support and your trust in us with your most precious bundles. I speak on behalf of the entire staff when I say that they are our precious bundles too.

Whilst COVID dominates the outside world, we have remained relatively cocooned with our safety measures in place, which the children have followed as if they have always been present. The children have returned to us with the same vigour and enthusiasm as was present before the first lockdown, which seems such a long time ago now. We have revisited many areas of the curriculum in order that children are not left with any gaps in their knowledge or skills base. We have reinforced our staff next term to aid this work so you will see additional faces on the gate.

With regards to staff changes next term, we welcome Mrs Brown to Parrett Class as a full time member of staff. We will be welcoming back Mrs Hodgskin too. Mrs Douglas will be moving to Northmoor Class and Mrs Parsons to Parrett. Mrs Nurcombe will be joining us next term as a Teaching Assistant. We thank our staff leavers this term for their dedication and hard work.

I would also like to acknowledge the effort, enthusiasm and skill which each and every member of staff gives on a daily basis. The care, support, stretch and challenge which each child receives comes from every member of the team pulling in the same direction. The premises and admin teams can be overlooked in some schools but we all know that without them we could not stay safe or even feed the children. Our amazing Early Birds and Busy Bees staff greet children with a smile and sometimes with beans on toast making the start and end of days fun and supportive. The classroom staff give of themselves more than in any school I have worked in to make the difference to the current and future lives of our children. A thank you seems completely inadequate.



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This term has been a magnificent example of how the community pulls together supporting one and all. We have seen neighbours and friends joining together to ensure the children do not miss out on their education. The national attendance rates for primary schools last month was 92%; HEPS has achieved 97.3% with most pupils above the 95% expectation - a good reflection of the community's support for the school.

We have had another busy term with the refurbishment programme, with the windows and hall being finished over the summer, and so onto the next one! Parrett Class will have some work undertaken over the break in the main classroom area to create more space for the children to learn. Further work on the Parrett bathroom area will take place during next term.

We have made the best efforts possible meeting as a School Council during challenging times and have discussed some important issues. Please see the school's new logo which was discussed with staff and children and which will be used from next term. We all like that it is unique to us and our fabulous building. Alongside this, our website will be updated so please take a look at this at the beginning of next term.



Finally, I wish you and your families a safe and healthy break ready for the return on Tuesday, 5 January 2021! Have a very Happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Tiffany Doughty Davis
Headteacher