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Primary and Pre-school



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A very welcome end to term

Apologies for the delay in sending this newsletter to you. The end of term approached all too rapidly in the latter days of last week and all of a sudden, it was 8pm on Friday night and I'd completely forgotten the newsletter!

I sat down on Saturday morning and reflected on this last half term; the term which is usually the quietest in terms of school events and completely focused on learning as classes have settled and teachers are in their groove.

What a long list of things we achieved! I thought I'd share some as way of reflection on what has been achieved:

- We returned to school, then a day later, began home learning again
- We loaned chromebooks, devices and IT paraphernalia to all families who needed it
- Children & staff begun live lesson delivery
- We've developed live lunches so engage friends at home and in school
- There's been great engagement with the weekly book and resource drop ins
- Children have covered new topics at home and in school and curriculum has been mirrored in both settings – a step forward from summer for sure.
- Our reading 1:1 sessions mean we've had better contact with those of you at home than in the summer
- Our annual inspection by HCC was very positive and captured the school as it is
- We have a full Governing Body with every post covered which is great news
- We have switched to a new management information provider – a HUGE job – so that we can be more intuitive and current
- We've moved to a new IT support provider and had a new server and refresh of all PCs and laptops
- A new grounds maintenance contract has been procured and the work they've already done in the last month is better than we've had for years!

Roll on next term when all our external areas are being redecorated too!

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



Alfie getting started on his art for the talent show and Sophie practicing yoga with a very unimpressed dog!



James creating a bee box at home inspired by the waste warriors topic and Eden learning practical maths!



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has supported their child at home with learning, brought them into school and abided by the COVID protocols we've got in place, sent supportive messages, a kind word on the gate and so much more. We know many of you are juggling working from home, toddlers being so much more mobile than a year ago and the seemingly never-ending lockdown with no definitive end date. This term has certainly been a bit of an epic one. The most important thing, in all we've achieved collectively, is that the children remain at the centre of all our thinking, decisions and actions, even when the internet crashes, live lessons collapse or the power goes down!

Term restarts on TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY - staff have an INSET day on the Monday!

What a loss

For those of you who have had involvement with school stretching back to my first couple of years here may remember Margaret & Colin Taylor, our then caretakers and cleaners. It is with a heavy heart that I have to let you know that Colin passed away a couple of weeks ago with COVID. Our thoughts and love go out to Margaret and his family. Colin was a really, really superb man. He was kind, had the most wicked laugh and was always working...hard. 'No' just wasn't in his vocabulary and he kept the school spick and span with a very definite pride. Rosie, Ryan and Morgan all came to school here and I know will feel his loss greatly. Diane, his daughter worked in the pre-school. It is a stark reminder of how close to home this horrid disease can come and how we must all pull together, abide by the rules and make sure no one else from our community is lost.