



## End of Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I've just spent some time writing a list of events from the term that's about to come to an end. I know that COVID has prevented us from engaging in some of the usual events and celebrations, but there's been plenty happening!

Since I wrote to you last time, we have welcomed back all the children and then had to farewell two staff members. Lisa Harcus and Gwen Coltherd have both commenced their maternity leave and two teachers have been appointed to replace them. Krissy Simpson, who is very well known to us all has taken over the P4/5 role on a fulltime basis. We are all thrilled about that! Mrs Kayleigh McNamee-Peace will join us as the P6/7 teacher after the Easter break. Some of you will remember Kayleigh as Miss Peace as she completed her probationary year at the Hope with P4/5 3 years ago.

I would also like to thank Steph Stanger for taking on the PT cover role in Krissy Simpson's place.

As I've mentioned before, we are carrying on with plenty of school development in spite of recent interruptions. One such development is Sounds Write. We now have three members of staff trained in the programme and more waiting on the next round of training. It's a significant commitment from the staff and it will completely transform the way we teach the foundations of literacy from P1 and beyond. You may be interested in learning more about the programme yourselves so you can support your child at home. The two links below give plenty of information to parents. We hope to run sessions for you at school too, once we are able!

<https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/page-96-video.aspx>

[https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/sites/soundswrite/uploads/files/47-sounds\\_write\\_leaflet\\_for\\_yr\\_parents.pdf](https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/sites/soundswrite/uploads/files/47-sounds_write_leaflet_for_yr_parents.pdf)

We are also spending some time reviewing our Vision, Values and Aims. The staff have had their say, and now it's time for you as parents to contribute to this document which sits at the heart of everything we do. It's vital that your voice is heard and your views are represented by our school. Please take the time to fill in the survey below:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKZ\\_oJWW4zYZEv2u4mm9PZUNUOVVHWURXOTZDMjZMTzZUVVdZUVhYREJGOC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKZ_oJWW4zYZEv2u4mm9PZUNUOVVHWURXOTZDMjZMTzZUVVdZUVhYREJGOC4u)

With so many recent interruptions due to COVID and the reshuffling of rooms, the school is looking a little unloved at the moment. The staff have been very proactive in organising the children into working parties to tidy up both inside and outside. This has resulted in a pile of green waste. If

anyone has the time or inclination over the holidays to take some or all of it to the dump for us, it really would be appreciated!

So much of the children's work has been moved online this term and one of the positives from that has been our ability to keep a record of it that is easily shared by you. Please do continue to check Seesaw as we will still be using it as our main home/school communication method. Your child's termly review will also soon appear there.

I hope you all have a very happy and restful Easter. Eat all the chocolate and enjoy time together. It's been a huge community effort to get through this term and all the challenges we were presented with. I couldn't be prouder of the kids, the staff and all of you!

Thanks Again



Steve

