

Hanbury's Farm Community Primary School

Federated with Oakhill Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you all had an enjoyable and restful break with your children. This half term's core value is **Respect**, so keep an eye out for red respect stickers.

Staffing Update:

First of all, I would like to congratulate Miss Baird and her partner, who welcomed a little boy into the world during the half term holiday. I would also like to welcome Miss King, who is an experienced teacher, to the team. Miss King will become the Year 2 teacher, as Mrs Griffiths starts her maternity leave in the next couple of weeks. I am sure you will join in me in wishing Mrs Griffiths all the best. There will be an opportunity to meet with Miss King. Further details will be shared with Year 2 parents regarding this. I would also like to welcome Mrs Barsby, who has joined the school office.

Communication:

The first half of the term was filled with lots of learning opportunities, parents' consultations and assemblies which were well attended by parents across the schools. All classes will be sending out their half termly newsletter which summarises key learning, enrichment opportunities for each year group. These will be sent out via the *schoolgateway* app and will also be added to class pages.

We will also continue to send out our weekly newsletter, which will list key dates and events which may be happening in school. Events coming up this half term include anti-bullying week, children in need and Christmas productions and our Christmas Fayre.

Homework and Reading

Year 1 – Year 6 have Mathematics CGP pages, where homework is set each week. We also send home a piece of handwriting homework linked to weekly spellings too.

End of day dismissal

Just a reminder that all pupils in Year 5 and 6 should be dismissed via the school office and walk around to meet parents or siblings.

Any parental questions or issues:

If you have any questions or need further information with regard to your child in class, please do not hesitate to contact our school office via telephone or email. This email is regularly checked throughout the school day and therefore any issues can be promptly dealt with. Please can I ask that this is the main email for parents to contact school over teacher emails, which may not be checked during the teaching hours.

Family Support Worker

Mrs K Dobson is the Family support worker across both schools. I know that she has already worked with a number of families at both schools, but if there are any areas you would like support with, please get in contact with the school office.

Update on Fundraising events in school

We have had fundraising events in school over the last few weeks. Our Early Years Sponsored Wellie Walk raised a fabulous £581.00. This is a fantastic amount and will be split between our school fund and Breast Cancer Awareness. Doughnut day raised £100.00 and our Harvest Hamper raffle also raised £142.00 both for our school fund. PTA Halloween school discos raised £603.00.

Tamworth Food bank gratefully received our food donations during the half term break too. They were overwhelmed with the amount of food items and passed on their thanks to pupils, parents and staff.

As always, a massive thank you for your continued support with these events.

Yours sincerely,

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