



HACKWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year everyone.

I hope that you have managed to get a good break over the Christmas period and spend time with loved ones.

As you will be aware Covid remains a national challenge and we continue to manage the impact in school. I would like to reassure you that our risk assessment remains strict to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff. Our risk assessment can be found on our website and some further information outlining some recent changes will be sent out shortly. The main change relates to those pupils who are close household contacts. In this circumstance we ask that children take daily lateral flow tests rather than self-isolate. We are fully committed to enabling high quality learning experiences despite potential disruption from Covid and where possible will continue with our plans this term.

As you will have read in the letter sent out earlier today, Mrs Binoy has decided to leave Hackwood and we wish her well for the future. The children have been told in school today and will be preparing farewell cards to send onto Mrs Binoy. Hackwood will continue to be supported by Mrs Beeston who is an experienced school leader and is responsible for Safeguarding at the Trust. She will be on site at Hackwood most days and will work alongside myself and Miss Morley whilst we recruit for a permanent Headteacher.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Hancock as a teaching assistant in school for the remainder of this academic year. This is to support pupils across the school as part of our covid catch-up strategy. Mrs Hancock trained as a TA at Hackwood last academic year and is known to the pupils. She will also be continue as the Breakfast Club supervisor. Mrs Willis will be joining us this half term as the After School Club supervisor and will work alongside Mrs Nadin who is the Breakfast and After School Club playworker. Ms Clarke also joined us in December as a midday supervisor and we look forward to welcoming her to the team.

We have exciting learning planned across the school this half term and you can find more details of the learning on the class pages of the website. Our topic learning for each year group is as follows:

Nursery and Reception: Traditional Tales- Who lived happily ever after?

Year 1: Did dinosaurs live in Derby?

Year 2: What is beyond England?

Year 3: What did the Flintstones do in their yabbadabba-do time? (Stone Age to Iron Age)

Year 4: Why were the Romans so powerful and what did they do for us?



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Year 5: What is beyond planet Earth? (Space Centre trip on Monday 7th February to follow)

Please find attached the Spring 1 edition of our Harmony Trust PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Parent Newsletter which guides you through the learning taking place in our academy during this half term.

It also gives you some additional information and tips on what the children will be learning in each year group which includes the Department for Education's Relationships and Health Education programme.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Rolfs
Executive Principal