

## **Head Teacher's Update - 24/09/21**

I hope this finds you safe and well and enjoying the amazing weather we have had this week; I am still really frustrated that the sunshine saved itself for September after a dismal school summer holiday! However, school does feel lovely when children can be outside as much as possible, enjoying the warmth before Autumn really kicks in.

It's three weeks in to term and so much has happened already. Attendance at school has been really high, even though there have been lots of colds around this week, and children have been putting their all in to learning and playing. Across school, there are classes of children and staff really working hard together; it has been great to see parent progress meetings start this week so you can meet those working with your children. As a staff team, so far this term, there have been some big challenges for us; some of these are Covid related (we have had a few cases in school; we are letting you know if they are in your child's Year Group) and some non-Covid issues that are keeping us busy and on our toes. We know some of you as families have also had pressures on you from a range of sources. If this is the case, please let us know if you think we can help you in any way.

We have tried different methods of communicating with you over the last 18 months, changing this to suit the differing circumstances we find ourselves in. Last week, we set up a 'News' section on our website which will be constantly updated and can be referred to whenever it suits you. This, coupled with the website Calendar, should keep everyone informed about events that are coming up and any other news from school. Please keep an eye on it as more and more additional activities are being added. We are also going to share 'good news' with you on a more regular basis via Facebook, Twitter and our website. This will reflect special events as well as the daily joy that school life brings.

One thing I do want to draw everyone's attention to again is concerns about parking near school. This seems to have got worse this term, with several upset neighbours getting in touch as well as our families describing seeing some very irresponsible parking and blocking of pavements. Thor Loke, across St William's Way, was almost impassable at the end of school one day this week. Please be considerate to our local community and walk, cycle or scoot if you can. If you do need to drive, please be thoughtful about where you park.

We hope you all have a safe, sunny and happy weekend and maybe enjoy a Norwich win (a Bristol Rovers' one would be even more welcome here!). Please keep being kind to each other and to yourselves.

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