



A letter from Miss Holgate

Friday 18th December 2020

Covid-19 reporting at Christmas

By law, schools are required to follow the 'test and trace' process over the Christmas holidays until 10am on Thursday 24th December. If we should need to notify you of a positive case over the holidays, and the need for self isolation, we will do so by email.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 between 19th and 24th December it is essential that you advise the school via text message to: **07751253629** this number will be monitored until 10am on Christmas Eve. Please do not leave a message on the school answer phone or email as these will not be picked up.

WOW moments - my three highlights of the week...

- WOW! Thank you for the amazing birthday celebration this week...the whole school surprised me with the most beautiful card and sang happy birthday to me! Thank you so so much.
- Lollypopping - this afternoon I have had the privilege of helping some of you to cross the road to get home safely and start celebrating Christmas. Thank you for all of the Merry Christmases, honks of horns and waves. I am so proud to be the Headteacher at Harleston.
- STAFF and PUPILS! Wowie, we've done it! First term and ready for Christmas. I think that Father Christmas will be really proud of us all for overcoming all of the challenges which have faced us. Please stay safe and happy this Christmas.

This week

This week has been an emotional one - Christingle was fantastic, we appointed three new teachers, we celebrated Mr Richardson, we said goodbye to Mrs Bidle and Mr Richardson. I had Hot Chocolate with some fabulous children in the Forest and we made fingerpainted forest themed Christmas cards.

I have to say that this half term has been one of the busiest and most rewarding I have ever had. Thank you for all of your support and for being such a fabulous community.





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STAFFING UPDATES

It is with a heavy heart we say goodbye to **Mr Richardson** and **Mrs Bidle**. They have both been such fantastic role models for our children and have been wonderful teachers.

Mrs Beaumont has stepped down as Assistant Headteacher but will still be Phase Leader and teach her Reception Class.

Mrs Botwright has been promoted to Special Educational Needs Coordinator - she will be working with her class two days a week. We have appointed a fantastic and experienced Reception Teacher to work with Rudolf Class for the other three days. His name is **Mr Anderson**.

Miss Moss has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for curriculum, she will be teaching English across both year six classes. **Miss Reynolds** will be teaching maths across both classes. This will aid in the transition to High School. **Miss Reynolds** will be based in Malala Class. **Mr Carter** has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher for inclusion - he will be based in Obama Class.

Miss Scofield has been promoted to Reading Champion within the school - she will be leading phonics and reading within the school.

New Starters

Mr Anderson will be teaching Rudolf

Miss Gardner will be teaching King

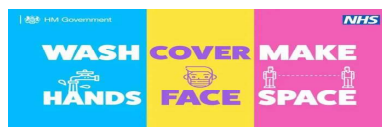
Miss Reynolds will be teaching in year 6

We are so lucky to have appointed such fantastic teachers to join our team as we grow as a school.

Prayer for today

Today's prayer, which I would like to share with you, is for those who have been isolating or are shielded from those that they love. We pray that all of those in our community are safe and well.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.





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Classroom Changes

In January year 3 are moving classrooms! They will be where the Ark and Dove are (in the bottom building next to Pre-school) Please continue to come in through the same gate and cross across the upper school playground and in front of the mobiles, past Nursery and round to the rooms.

Ark and Dove provision will move to the old Year 3 classrooms - they will enter through gate B and walk up to the classroom straight up the path.

Wellbeing

I will be going for lots of walks along the beach and in the woods this holiday. I am planning on calling and video calling my family everyday. Please relax and enjoy the time you have over the Christmas Holidays.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Kindest Regards,

Hannah Holgate
Headteacher

