



# A letter from Miss Holgate

Friday 26.3.21

Dear Parents and carers,

When I was a child, I believed that Christmas was the most important date in the Christian calendar. I thought about the birth of Jesus and the presents which came with that as being important. As I've grown older, and possibly wiser, I've come to realise that the most significant Christian holiday is Easter.

It's not a holiday about giving and receiving gifts - although who would say no to an Easter egg (or three!) but it really highlights the sacrifice Jesus made for us and the power of ascension. Where we can share a new beginning and be filled with hope.

I was contemplating the significance of Easter this year; the changes and sacrifices families have had to make. This Easter I am hopeful. Hopeful of an end to lockdowns and a brighter future.

We, as a community, have seen great change recently. We have mourned for a nation; we have adapted our way of life and we have had to really think about what is important to us.

We, at Harleston Primary Academy, are emerging from darker days and are working together to make significant strides to support our children.

I have been filled with joy and hope over the past three weeks. Joy at seeing our children return and begin to reform friendships and routines and hope at where we will be this time next year.

I cannot believe that we are over half way through this academic year and that the summer term is two weeks away, a term which has always been synonymous with sports days, performances, transitions and new beginnings.

## WOW moments

- Wow - The Easter gardens to represent the true story of Easter were fantastic! Well done to each class.
- Wow - Mrs Beaumont and Mrs Barber have been really busy organising before and after school activities and swimming for children (Year 5) - information to follow.
- Wow - We have returned to school and now it is the Easter holidays. Well done everybody.





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## A sad farewell

Today we say goodbye to some of our cherished members of the school community. They are leaving us this week for exciting new adventures.

Miss Mills - who has been in our Reception class is starting a new adventure with the NHS. We wish her very well in her new role and hope that she brings as many smiles to the children she is working with there as she has done to our children. Thank you for supporting our children (and staff) at HPA.

Mr Cunliffe - our caretaker, is moving onto pastures new, next week. We will miss his early morning and evening support. Mr Cunliffe thank you from all the teachers, children and parents at HPA. You will be missed.

Mrs Tricker - Many of you will have spoken to Mrs Tricker at some point in your time at HPA, whether as a student or a parent. She has been the backbone of the office for sometime and I know that we will miss her greatly. We have been incredibly lucky to have had the joy of her in school for such a long time. She has supported the school in so many different ways and dedicated a lot of her free time to help the school, staff and children to succeed.

## Our children!

We are a school filled with fantastic children! I have been blessed to have many of them coming to show me work or present ideas for school improvement to me.

Mr Mullen brought Josh down to explain what he would like to do with an outside space - I am very excited to see the finalised project ideas and to see whether our governors can see the merit in the improvements. I know that Josh is working with some of his friends to create a presentation for us.

Lily, Coen and Eloise presented me with a great idea to revitalise a hidden area within the school - they are planning on creating a more inviting area for children to enjoy. I am very excited to see their idea grow into a plan and then the final project.

I really enjoyed a socially distanced walk with Ralph, Savannah, Nolan and Fraser this week. Ralph told me all about the planets and could show me them on a display outside. Nolan and Fraser were telling me all about the different types of tractors too.





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Miss Scofield was very excited to tell me who our reading winners were this week and they will be receiving a little prize and a certificate. Well done to

Chester - EYFS

Ruby - KS1

Oliver- LKS2

Riko - UKS2

Miss Ingram was very excited about our Science competition and has also got some prizes for every child who took part - they were brilliant. Well done.

Mr Carter came to speak to me about one of our children, who is doing something rather special outside of school... Isla saw an advert on TV for Cancer research which was a fundraising event called Walkallovercancer. You have to walk 10,000 steps everyday in March, she instantly signed up. She has done amazing so far and achieved over 10,000 steps daily, she has been walking home to Starston from school everyday with her nanny and then she walks extra long walks with the dog at the weekends. So far, she has raised a massive £520! We at HPA are incredibly proud of Isla - Well done!

Miss Ling, who is not only one of our fab EYFS team but also on our Friends committee has informed me that the winners of the Easter Hampers have been drawn and are:

EYFS- Lola (Lilliput)

KS1- Lily (Cavell)

Lower KS2- Rhys (Mandela)

Upper KS2- Demba and Siya (Obama and King)

Miss Ling has also told me that we have two class winners for the Easter Bonnet competition - these classes will be getting a half day treat in their class, when we return from Easter.



Obama and Rudolph! Well done.





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## A Prayer of reflection at Easter

Loving God,

As we journey towards Easter, help us to live as people of hope, knowing that beyond the pain of the cross lies the joy of resurrection.

Inspire us in our worship, through our churches and in our homes, that we may bring glory to you and joy to others.

Be with those who are struggling in mind, body or spirit, and give courage to those who are facing uncertainty and change ahead.

Help each of us to keep our eyes fixed on you, that we may reflect your light to all whom we meet.

Thank you. Every single smile, wave, email and call to the school to support us in our continued journey to make HPA the best place for our children to Flourish and Grow has made a real difference.

I am hopeful that we may return to some 'normality' (whatever that looks like) later in the year. But for now we must remain; 2+ meters away from each other; Walk in the one-way system; Email teachers rather than having a chat before or after school; wear face coverings on the school site and keep our children and staff safe.

I am sure that you all agree that the staff at HPA have been working incredibly hard and deserve a rest over the Easter break. I wanted to thank every member of staff in the school for their hard work over the last two terms. I know that I am incredibly grateful for their positive attitudes and hard work with our children.

Have a fantastic Easter and stay safe. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on April 12th 2021 at 8.45-9.15.

Kindest Regards,

Hannah Holgate

