



# Harleston CE Primary Academy

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Dear families,

It's hard to believe that there are only three weeks left until the end of term but I think the way that it feels like the weeks have flashed by is testament to the hard work of everyone in school. It is a privilege to be able to spend time in classrooms, looking at learning and to see the progress that the children are making. Walking round the school there is a clear sense of learning identity in what the children are doing, how staff are teaching and the learning environments that support the pupils in their endeavours. We are very ambitious for what we want to achieve and there is still a long way to go but everyone has worked extremely hard and I am very grateful for that.

For the remainder of this term at least we will be continuing with the extended drop-off time of 8.45am to 9am. Gates will then be closed at 9am. Please can you ensure that your child is present at school by this time; there have been a few examples of children arriving at school beyond this time, which does count as a late or an unauthorised absence, depending on the time they arrive.

Mr Stagg and Mr Connelly have been very busy interviewing year 5 and 6 pupils who expressed an interest in being members of our pupil wellbeing council. They have been hugely impressed by the commitment and thoughtfulness that these children have shown and their genuine desire to make a difference. We are very fortunate to have pupils in our school that show this level of selflessness and care for others and I'm really looking forward to the impact that they will have in our school community.

If you follow us on Twitter then you may have seen a lovely message from TV presenter Gabby Logan talking about our school values. Later this week Mr Stagg will also be sharing a message from Amy Williams, the winter Olympics gold medallist, about the importance of perseverance. She recorded it especially for us and we are very grateful to her for this. As a school we feel that it is really important that our pupils have a connection with positive role models and this reinforcement of our values is something that we hope will inspire the children both now and in the future.

It feels like Christmas is just around the corner and our fabulous PTA have organised Christmas trees to be put up in the upper and lower school halls this week. A big thank you to Michael Massey from Needham Red Lion, who supported us with them.

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mark Carlyle, Head of School