



Harleston CE Primary Academy

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Dear families,

It was a really enjoyable first full week back last week and the staff and I are very pleased with the way the children have settled into their learning. When I have visited some of the classrooms I have noticed children working hard, facing challenges and responding positively to the feedback they are receiving. I am sure that they will continue to show these excellent attitudes over the course of the term.

It has been fantastic to see the Class Dojo pages over the last few weeks. They give an insight into the learning that has been going on in the classroom, as well as the personal achievements of the children. If you have not yet signed up for Class Dojo via your email then we would encourage you to do so. Moving forwards we will be using the platform for the weekly class newsletters, as well as other updates. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you haven't received a login notification.

I had the pleasure last week of being able to invite children from key stage 1 and 2 to join me on 'Gold Table'. This is a new initiative this term and is designed to acknowledge and reward those children who have shown kindness to other people in the school. This will be a weekly event and I am very much looking forward, together with other members of the senior leadership team, to sharing some of our lunchtime on a Friday with a variety of members of our school community.

We have again updated our risk assessments, to reflect the latest guidance from the Government and Department for Education. We would like to encourage parents to continue to wear face masks at drop-off and pick-up times, as they do help to reduce the risk of transmission.

We appreciate that at the end of the day things crop up which may mean that there are last-minute changes to who may be picking your child up from school. Please could you let us know at your earliest convenience if those changes happen, so we can pass this information on to the class teacher and let your child know.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mark Carlyle, Head of School