



Harleston CE Primary Academy

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Dear families,

It's been a busy week in school and the children continue to work extremely hard and demonstrate a fantastic attitude to learning. Mr Connelly visited the classrooms at both ASHS and Harleston Primary last week and was full of praise for our learning community. There is so much that unites us and we know that we are developing the attitudes and dispositions that will allow our young people to have the opportunity to live 'life in all its fullness'.

Despite the national reduction in COVID restrictions, schools across the region continue to feel the effects of the pandemic. We will continue to maintain our approach and our risk assessments reflect what we are seeing on the ground. Hopefully as the term progresses we will be able to make adjustments towards what we would all recognise as a more normal way of operating and we will of course communicate this with you.

I recently shared some lovely photos on our school Twitter account of the learning going on in our nursery. We welcomed some new children in January to join our existing cohort and the youngest members of our school community are all settling in well. We are undertaking some significant investment in our nursery in the coming weeks and we are all very excited about the difference this will make. We do have spaces in our nursery for both morning and afternoon provision, so do please let us know if you would like to find out more.

Last week we welcomed the dental nursing team into school to talk to our reception children. They spoke to the children about the importance of brushing their teeth and how to brush properly. Courtesy of BUPA, all of the children received a goodie bag, including a timer, toothpaste, and toothbrushing chart. The children really enjoyed listening to the nurses and everyone learned a lot.

Some of our year 4 pupils had cycling proficiency sessions last week. It was great to see them out on the playground practising their skills and learning new ones. A huge well done to everyone who took part - these will be valuable lessons that will help to keep our children safe.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mark Carlyle
Head of School