



Harleston CE Primary Academy

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Dear families,

On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to begin by wishing you a happy new year. I hope you all had a positive break over the Christmas period and the children are looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of the spring term.

At the start of this term I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff. Mrs Bircham joins us in our nursery and Mrs Stagg in our new year 6 class, which will be called Blackman class, after the author and former Children's Laureate Malorie Blackman. Miss Niemtus is also joining us and will be working as a teaching assistant. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all well as they become part of our school community.

Over the holidays we have reviewed our COVID procedures once again, in light of the current guidance and you can read our latest risk assessment on the school website. We are very mindful of the rapidly changing situation and we will do our best to communicate any alterations in our practice as soon as we can. You will have seen I am sure the letter from Mr Connelly on Tuesday 4th January; if you do have any questions then please let us know.

Our collective worship theme for this half term is **wisdom**. In our HPA values we have described it in this way: 'Wisdom *develops* us: we value knowledge; we are independent learners who are responsible for ourselves; we accept challenges and celebrate achievement.' I know that the children over the course of the half term will have many opportunities to display and share both this value and the others that make up our values and core identity as a school.

As ever, many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to working with you in the term ahead.

Best wishes

Mark Carlyle

Head of School