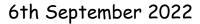


## Headteacher Message

## Autumn Term (Advent Term)





## Welcome

I would like to welcome back all of our families and pupils after the summer break and extend a big welcome to our new staff, children and families.

We were blessed over the break with some exceptional weather and it looks like the weather will be set to keep us on our toes.

At the end of the term we saw a heatwave that brought the term to a close sooner for some as they battled the heat. Thankfully, COVID cases remained low and generally, most people ended the term in good health.

I am hoping everyone managed some rest and had time to catch up with family.

Across the school, Staff were humbled by the generous and thoughtful gifts, good wishes and messages from the parents. On behalf of all our staff, a very big thank you and thank you for all your support over the year.

I have been able to visit all the children in their new classes today and it is impressive how well they have settled and already picking up new routines.

There are a couple of staff changes for this year. I would like to welcome Mr Baker as one of our Year 2 teachers and Miss Percy and Mrs Fernando as Teaching Assistants working in Reception. We also welcome back Mrs Smit from Maternity leave – she will be working with Mrs Fernandez in Year 1.

Over the holiday we said goodbye to one of our long standing staff – Mrs Kath Brooks - and we all wish her well in her new job.

The Staff and I are very much looking forward to working with you and your children this year. Please remember that we are working hard to restore our face-to-face communication and close working partnerships with parents, which suffered greatly due to the pandemic. Please know that you can speak to any member of staff or myself if you need to or send an email to the office if that is easier.

By working together, we can make sure your child gets what they need to learn and grow as a whole person, academically, spiritually, socially and in confidence and independence

We are here to listen and to help - talk to us if you have a concern or need help or just want to tell us we have got something right or done something well. It helps us grow and improve too.

Wishing everyone a happy and heathy new school year

Regards

Mrs Taylor