

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebrations tomorrow, which will be shared with parents, which marks the end of term and the start of our October break. This will be a thoroughly deserved break following a successful, but tiring, return to full-time school, under the most challenging of circumstances.

The children continue to amaze me with their smiles and resilience, following our simple rules to keep everyone safe. Whilst they may miss friends who are in another class bubble, they fully understand the need to keep to our class bubbles and are now experts in washing their hands. I have really appreciated the support of all our parents in reiterating the need to follow the rules to keep everyone safe.

Pupil attendance has remained high throughout the term at 97% which is outstanding. Thank you to all our families who have supported our children in attending school each day.

The staff teams have worked very hard this term, to not only provide the best curriculum to ensure that any gaps in learning due to Covid-19 have been identified and re taught, but also to ensure that the wider curriculum with sport opportunities, virtual visits and emotional health and well-being activities are provided for our children. House competitions such as class sport challenges and harvest poems and paintings have ensured that pupils still feel a part of the wider school team.

We have been very fortunate so far to have had no positive test results for Covid-19 but with infection rates rising I fear to is only a matter of time before we have to send some pupils home as a result. Our remote learning plan, for home learning, is best placed to ensure that any child at home will still have the same curriculum delivery as those still in school. Please ensure that you have access to Class Dojo which will act as the virtual classroom. Please also ensure that you can access your emails and the Xpressions app during the day in case we need pupils to return home in an emergency. Any changes to landline or mobile phone numbers must be shared.

I hope you are able to spend some quality time together as a family this October break, something which is more important than ever at the moment and that you all have a safe and happy time. I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 2nd November.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K Jackson'.

Kelly Jackson

Head of School