

Hethersett Woodside Primary & Nursery School



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the first term draws to a close, I wanted to take an opportunity to give some updates and wish you all well.

Staffing

There have been several challenges this term with staffing and we thank you for all your patience and understanding, if your child's class has been affected by absence.

There will also be several long-term changes to make you all aware of for the new year. .

Firstly, we welcome back Mrs Pullinger this week from her maternity leave. Mrs Pullinger teaches in Lime class on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Ransom continues to teach in Lime but now on a part-time basis: Monday to Wednesday.

We also plan to expand the capacity of our senior leadership team and this creates some change. In January, Mrs Easey will be taking on the role of Assistant Head across the school, joining me, Mr Carter (Deputy) and Mrs Ingham (Assistant Head) in the team. Mrs Easey will continue to have a teaching role in Hazel class, working part of the week, in partnership with Mrs Pugh.

As part of the developments to the leadership team, Mr Carter will be stepping back from his classroom teaching responsibilities in Beech class. Mrs Egler will now take sole responsibility for Beech over the week.

We are also pleased to welcome a number of new support staff to the community, as the school grows. From January, Mrs Sturman and Mrs Swann will be joining Nursery. Mrs E Wood will be joining the team in Rowan class and Miss French will be working in Chestnut class. We also welcome Mrs Minns to the team, who will be supporting in Lime class.

I would also like to take the opportunity to formally welcome Mrs C Wood to the Year Five team. She started with us very recently, supporting the class teacher, as well as working in a cover supervisor role also across Birch and Ash.



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Finally, many of you will have been sad to see farewell to Mrs Richards several weeks ago. Well, we are thrilled to say that Mrs Richards will be returning to rejoin the team in January. We look forward to welcoming her back to Year Five soon.

COVID-19: National Guidance

You will be aware of recent national measures, as the government responds to the challenges of the pandemic. Schools continue to respond to new guidance as it comes through. Our [Coronavirus](#) page on our school website is where we will keep you up-to-date with key information.

I am pleased to say that positive COVID cases have been very low this half-term and we hope for the same in the new year.

Spring Term

Please note, there has been a change to the Norfolk County Council school holidays calendar since it was first published. We welcome families back to school on Thursday 06th January in 2022.

Hethersett Hundred

The School Council has been thinking about ways to develop our charitable values. Based on the idea of giving a smaller amount of money to many different charities, they have developed a concept called the *Hethersett Hundred*. This is a long term project that will span several years. By holding different fundraising events over time, the school aims to raise one hundred pounds for one hundred different charities.

We would like to select a wide range of charities that are connected to our whole school community in some way. We would like everyone to nominate local, county, national and international charities that you would like to see us donate £100 to. Please complete this [form](#) to nominate a charity.

Lost Property

Before we break up for the school holidays, could I ask families to check the lost property unit, located outside the school office. We will attempt to get anything named back to your children before the holiday. Thereafter, all unclaimed lost property will be recycled.



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Finally, it just leaves me to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year. It has been a real pleasure to have worked alongside you this term and we all look forward to welcoming you all back safely in 2022.

Kind regards

Jem Brereton

Headteacher

