



PARK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I have never been so relieved to get to the end of a term - but we've finally made it. What an extremely busy and truly unique one the Autumn Term has proved to be. We've all had to get used to many months of restrictions and adapt to changes to how we live our lives. Like you all, I hope that 2021 will be a much more positive year and one that looks more like 2019 than 2020!

On reflection, I feel that the Autumn Term has been successful - despite there sometimes being a 'feeling of confusion' around how we've been encouraged to behave and the distance we've had to create between staff and classes of children.

I have reminded myself just how fantastic it was to welcome the children back into school in September and for a great majority of them, they've been really happy and really settled in school since then. It's the adults that worry the most about the changes bestowed upon us - children are much more adaptable! I have enjoyed seeing them settle back into 'life at school' and listening to their teachers provide updates to me about the childrens' successes and the progress that they've made over the course of the term. For some children, we know that there are bigger gaps in their learning but I would like to reassure you all that we are working hard to make a difference and to close these.

Whilst encouraging you all to have a fabulous break over Christmas, the Park Hill team will be keen to return in January to continue the work that they've already started.

End a Park Hill Journey

I would like to make you aware of members of staff leaving at the end of the term. Mrs Warren has worked at the school for 12 months as class teacher providing the cover and release time for other members of staff. In a relatively short period of time she has worked with a great many children and been a positive role influence in and around school.

Miss Ingram will also be leaving at the end the term. Miss Ingram has worked at Park Hill since September 2018 - supporting children across Reception and Key Stage One. Most of her work has been involved with children who have an additional need. I am grateful to her for kindness and support of the children in her care.

Beginning a Park Hill Journey

For the start of the new term, we welcome Mr Gillard as Class Teacher in 4R. Mr Gillard will be in post for at least two terms - providing cover for Mrs Roper who will be taking maternity leave during the term.

Mr Moynihan has provided cover for Mrs Willacy who also will be beginning her maternity leave shortly. Mr Moynihan will continue to take care of Class 5W in the new year - it will be great to welcome him back to work with the children.

COVID19 - keeping the school updated

We have been asked by the local authority to highlight to parents how they can keep the school informed about any positive Covid cases - we would like to know about these as quickly as possible!

If you have an update to share around a positive Covid case, please use the email:

headteacher@parkhill.coventry.sch.uk

The email account will be checked daily up to and including 24th December 2020.

...finally!

The most important message for me to share and end my letter to you with is that I hope that you and your family have a happy Christmas. Whoever you are able to share this with, I would like to wish you the very best time and that you manage to make a great many memories.

I am looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 5th January 2021. See you all then.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr Griffin

Headteacher

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