

Date: 20th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: End of Term

It seems hard to believe that we are already at the end of the Autumn term and what a great term it's been for everybody associated with Hamstel Infants.

The children have really impressed us with how quickly they've settled since returning in September and they are really starting to produce some great work to really show off just how much they've learnt. On top of their everyday learning, here are just some of the things that our children have experienced this term;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming lessons • Outdoor Learning sessions in the garden • Pirate Day • Art Club • Author assemblies • Harvest Assembly • Hyde Hall educational visit • Cross Country events • Cookery Club • Night Owls Visit • Walked our local area • The Hive educational visit • Visited the Library • Remembrance Assembly • Multiple Sports Clubs before and after school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir Visits to Retirement Home • Walked to the Post Box to send Santa Letters • Enzo the Elf visit • Taken part in a Nativity performance to parents • Performed a Christmas Christingle service to parents • Christmas Dinner • Christmas Jumper Day • Watched a Christmas film in their pyjamas • Attended sporting events such as dodgeball and cross country • Made Christmas Crafts with parents • Dressed down for Children in Need • Santa's visit to Hamstel
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In addition to our open house Friday sessions, parents have also had lots of opportunities to get involved and support our children by attending;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths workshops • Curriculum meetings • Phonics Workshops • Handwriting Workshops • Reading Rocks Workshops • Parent Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open evenings • Christmas Fair • Happy's Circus • Nativity performances • Christingle Service
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So, when you consider all of the things mentioned above, I'm sure you will agree that it has been a very busy but very exciting term and I hope, one that everybody has enjoyed.

While it is always sad to say good bye to the staff that have left, change often brings new opportunities and its has been great to give a warm Hamstel welcome to the new staff that have joined our school and have already made such a positive impact – Mrs Eastment, Mrs Bell, Miss Marrs, Mrs Brown, Mrs Roberts and Miss West, we hope you have many happy years at Hamstel Infants.

On a personal note, once the nerves of the first few days had disappeared, I could not have wished for a better first term as Principal. Of course, there have been challenges, that is part of everyday school life, but the level of support and the warmth of welcome that I have received from the children, parents and staff, has been simply amazing and for that, I thank you!

After twenty years at my previous school, I am genuinely amazed at how quickly Hamstel Infants feels like home and that is testament to the great 'we care' philosophy which sits at the heart of our school. I am very happy and privileged to be here and I hope that we can continue to build on the great work of the past as we develop the school further, not just in the equally as busy, upcoming spring term but also over many years to come.

Finally, as we start our Christmas holidays, we look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 4th January 2024 for the start of the Spring Term and it just remains for me to say, that on behalf of everybody at Hamstel Infant School and Nursery, we wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and all the very best for the new year.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Roche', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Roche
Principal