

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are rounding off a short but very busy term with a letter today rather than a newsletter and I would like to start by taking this opportunity to thank you for all your support during the spring. In many ways, the short, spring term is the trickiest to navigate. People sometimes feel a bit flat after Christmas, the weather is rubbish and it is tempting to go into semi-hibernation. However, it has been great to see so much positivity and encouragement from our community and we have all continued to push on and do some wonderful work together!

One example of that has been the work undertaken by our brilliant School Council. They have turned up to our meetings every week and have delivered on two fantastic projects. The Playtime Pals project is up and running and already having a positive impact. We have also developed some green spaces with our donated plants and seeds and we can look forward to seeing these grow during the summer term. These are great opportunities for our children to show responsibility, leadership and to have fun and they should feel very proud of the work they have done this term.

Your children may have informed you that we have had a number of visits to school recently from prospective Head Teachers, following the recent advertisement for this role. It feels quite surreal to me to be involved in the process but it is great to see how popular the vacancy appears to be and how much interest there has been. The closing date for applications is 5<sup>th</sup> April and interviews are scheduled over 2 days on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April. Hopefully, everything goes well and the governors and the Trust will be in a position to confirm my successor shortly thereafter. I hope this information about the process and timescale is reassuring and there will be further communication in due course.

And finally, I wrote to you last week about our parents' survey which closes tomorrow. If you haven't completed it yet please take the opportunity to do so using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/2GRt6VnvUW>.

Best wishes and have a lovely holiday!

Yours sincerely,



Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)