

Dear Parents

I am sitting here (dressed as the Cat in the Hat - as you do) with a feeling of deja vu as we have a school full of Rapunzels, Harry Potters, Alice in Wonderlands and many many more! The children seem to have really enjoyed dressing up again - and the staff too have entered into the spirit a second time. However, there is a lot of learning going on too and I've been having a look at some of the children's work today and been so impressed with the way they have returned to school with their usual enthusiasm for learning. It's so very reassuring for us - and a testament to the hard work of all of you!

We are building up a display in school of the Hammond Hearts which looks lovely. The Hammond Heart is going to be staying with us as the 'umbrella' for all of the well-being work we do in school. There is a new tab on the Website where you will find more information, videos and links to resources that we feel might be helpful. It was wonderful to see the community taking part by putting hearts in their windows, and our friends at Glamis Court have also made lots of hearts for the school.

Now that we are back in school we will be changing the way we use Seesaw. It will be used from time to time to share work done in school with you, for setting short homework activities and for posting videos by the staff to support you with helping your child. However, these will only be done occasionally as the staff now need to focus on the important work of teaching all children now that they are back in school. Can we ask that you don't use Seesaw or Tapestry for important messages to staff, as they will not have time to read them at the start of every day. Instead, can you inform the office, either by phone or by email so that we can be sure the message gets through in good time.

I am lucky enough to be having my vaccine tomorrow (yes I am THAT old!) I have to go to Portsmouth so am ridiculously excited about a day out! How times have changed. I hope you all enjoy a weekend back with your children - who hopefully will sleep in tomorrow morning after the very busy week that they have had!

With love from

Jacky