

Good afternoon everyone, I hope you are all well and getting some much needed Vitamin D...

It's been great to catch up with the children after half term and to hear about some of the exciting things that have been going on. How lovely that so many of you got to spend some time with your families and friends - it was much needed wasn't it?

Years 1 and 2 have been enjoying their cricket sessions on a Wednesday and there are some very promising young players already. We have a Hampshire Coach coming to deliver this. Year R have been inspired by watching the sessions and have been given their own cricket set too. Miss Walters has been in her element leading some of our budding artists in an art project which will be displayed at Winchester Cathedral - she will be telling you more about that soon. We all feel that the children have come back to school with great enthusiasm for learning which is wonderful.

I have just had my first Young Governors' meeting of this half term. We have welcomed year R Young Governors for the first time and all 12 children looked like they might burst with pride when I pinned their badges on. They have been voted for by their classmates and I have to say they have chosen well!

We still have very little clarity about what might be ahead for the rest of the term as far as inviting parents in to school. We are very hopeful that the farm visit can go ahead as this will be done in year group bubbles. However, as for the other events, I am not quite so optimistic. Cases are definitely rising in schools in Hampshire and we have to be really mindful that if we have to close a bubble at the very end of the term the need for self-isolating could well put paid to plans for everyone's much needed holidays.

Sports day will happen - with or without parents - as will our Leavers' Assembly. If we aren't able to invite parents in then we will film events, much as we did for the Nativity at Christmas. Hopefully we will have a clearer idea by this time next week. Once again I ask for your understanding and support whatever decision we make - my poor shoulders are very sore with the weight of responsibility I am feeling at the moment!! All part of being a Headteacher during a pandemic I guess.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend,

With love from

Jacky