

19th December 2018

Dear Parents,

On behalf of everyone at Hookstone Chase, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. I hope that you enjoy a relaxing holiday with family and friends.

It has been a long and busy term and I hope that the Reception children and their families feel settled at Hookstone Chase after their first term at school. The children have really enjoyed studying the theme of Homecomings, with Key Stage 1 focusing on different animals and their habitats and in Key Stage 2, the World War 1 and Remembrance themes have really inspired the children in their writing. Well done to them all. Next term's theme is called All Around the World.

As always, a big thank you to the Friends of Hookstone Chase who have provided the children with their Selection Boxes this Christmas and organised a wonderful Halloween Disco as well as a magnificent Christmas Fair where over £1000 was raised. This money is being used to improve the IT equipment across the school. Key Stage 1 are currently enjoying using their new iPads and we owe The Friends a big thank you for all their hard work.

It is always a pleasure to welcome parents into school and it has been good to see so many people at our class assemblies and for our recent nativity plays. Both the children and staff have worked tirelessly and they are to be congratulated for their hard work.

As you are aware, I am leaving Hookstone Chase at the end of the week after ten years as Headteacher. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you, your families and your wonderful children and I feel privileged to have led such a fabulous school with such a caring and dedicated team of both staff and governors. I have been overwhelmed by the warmth shown to me by the children, parents, staff and governors and I would like to thank you all for your kindness; it is much appreciated. I have loved my job here at Hookstone Chase.

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The New Year will see quite a change for me as I begin my new post of Primary School Improvement Director across the Multi Academy Trust. I am looking forward to the new challenge as well as hearing all about the future successes of Hookstone Chase and I am sure that under the leadership of Miss Watson the school will go from strength to strength.

Terms ends at **2:30pm** on Friday 21st December 2018 and the Staff Team look forward to welcoming the children back to school for the Spring Term on Tuesday 8th January 2019. Please note that Friday is not a non-uniform day but the children may wear their Christmas jumpers with school trousers/dresses and skirts if they wish.

With my good wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

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