



9th January 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and peaceful holiday season. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and welcome you to the start of the Spring term.

My tenure at Hathaway Primary school is now over; whilst Wood End Infants will continue to support Hathaway, I shall be based solely at this school. I would like to thank all parents, carers, pupils and staff who allowed me the opportunity to take on the position of Interim Executive Head at Hathaway. Without the support I would not have been able to spend time away from this school.

As part of our journey to becoming an outstanding school, I am pleased to inform you that we have a number of PCGE students working with us. These students are from local universities and are undertaking their training to become teachers. It is a privilege to be able to support teachers of the future and share with them our excellent practices.

We need your help on our journey too, Ofsted recognise the fact that parental feedback is hugely important and this is one of the first areas that they look at when inspecting a school. Can I please ask you all to visit the Parent View website where you can register and leave your feedback on our school. If you do not have access to the internet, please let a member of the office team know and they will arrange a time for you to come and use a school computer, www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. As always, if you have any concerns about your child, please raise them in the first instance with your child's class teacher.

Whilst the weather is still very changeable can you please ensure that your child has a coat, hat & gloves in school each day and that they are clearly labelled. I would also advise that when it is raining heavily in the morning, that children wear a pair of wellington boots to school and bring a pair of shoes to change into for the day.

I have noticed that a large number of children do not have a P.E. kit in school. P.E. is part of the national curriculum and as such it is expected that all children in Years 1 and 2 should have a P.E. kit in school each day. If you cannot meet the cost of a P.E. kit please make an appointment to see me and the school may be able to loan a kit to you.



All extra-curricular activities recommence next week, starting with our 'Help your child to learn' courses. These are a series of sessions that are run on a year group basis to give you the extra tools you need to help your child to be an even better learner. Details of the dates and sessions will be sent out in due course.

The after-school care club is now up and running, it is open to all children who attend the school. The children are looked after until 5.30 p.m. each afternoon at a cost of £5 per session. If you would like your child to attend please speak to Mrs Pusey in the school office.

Finally, a reminder that the closing date for Nursery parents to apply for a Reception school place and for Year 2 parents to apply for a Year 3 place is **Thursday 15th January**. The local authority prefer for applications to be made online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you need a paper application please see a member of the office team.

Kind regards

Lucy Rodgers

Headteacher