

DONNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

19th December 2019

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear All,

As the holidays are nearly upon us I am pleased to announce that the Governing Body has appointed Ms Harrison to the position of Interim Headteacher. She is confirmed to be with Donnington from January until August.

Ms Harrison is joining us from Newfield Primary School where she has been Deputy Headteacher. I am sure you will meet her soon and give her a big Donnington welcome.

It is also with sadness that the day has come to say goodbye to Mr Minns. I would like to thank him on behalf of the Governors, Staff, Parents and Pupils for his leadership of the school and the tremendous impact he has made.

Mr Minns, we wish you all the best in your retirement - and would like to encourage you not to be a stranger at Donnington.

Season's Greetings
Katrina Beechey
Chair of Governors

ROSEMARY HOUSE RESIDENTS

The performance for our neighbours in Rosemary House yesterday was a great success. Thank you to all the pupils for their impeccable behaviour and lovely singing. I would like to thank Isabel and Jasmin for their fine compeering skills. They were a delightful double act. It was a lovely atmosphere and we were able to welcome guests including several Governors and Ms Oweda Harrison who, in January will be the interim Head teacher.

Monday 6th Jan
Children return for the Spring Term.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLIES

Congratulations to all three Key Stages for their Christmas productions last week. They were wonderful spectacles and gave the whole school the opportunity to show other talents. Thank you to all the staff who put in a huge amount of time and effort into each production. What is lovely to see are those children who find, through performing, an outlet for talents that are not seen in the classroom.

As a staff and whole school we still don't quite believe that Ms Kelly is leaving us today. We wish her every success and know that such an opportunity to travel and teach overseas comes but once in a lifetime, and secretly we are rather jealous, but we look forward to hearing of all her adventures.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr Radman to the Donnington family and are sure you will all make him very welcome as he takes over from Ms Kelly in Year 6.

It is extremely difficult for me to adequately express how wonderful a school and community you have been. Yes there have been trials along the way, but I could not have hoped for a more positive, supportive staff, pupil and parent body. Change brings its own excitements but also its worries, so as a school community I trust that you will give Ms Harrison the support you have given me. I am not sure I will know what to do at 12.55 every day without going and playing 'champ'.

To the staff and pupils, this Christmas holiday will be a well-deserved break from everything that you have achieved during the Autumn Term. Your hard work and dedication is truly appreciated.

Kevin Minns