



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we enter the second half of the Autumn term, I wanted to give you an update on developments within the school.

This half term we are focusing on safeguarding and we have organised a range of events teaching children on how to keep themselves safe.

The first initiative is launched this week with anti-bullying week starting today. This will include holding mental health days on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at GR and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at HH. This will be followed up by a healthy living day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The theme this year is 'One Kind Word'

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying.

Alongside this, we are running various STAT projects helping children transition into secondary school, preparing them for some of the dangers they may face.

As you know our designated safeguarding leads are the Heads of School- Miss Harvey & Mrs Obinwanne. The safeguarding team comprises of:

- Heads of School- Miss Harvey & Mrs Obinwanne
- Assistant Headteachers- Ms Sopta, Ms Meighan, Mr McCaul, Ms Husbands, Ms Patel & Ms Francis
- Parent Liaisons- Ms Primus and Ms Jacqui
- Executive Headteacher- Miss Mollett

They meet fortnightly to plan safeguarding across the curriculum. Should you have any concerns about a child, please approach the Head of School.

The handwriting focus has been successful and will continue for the rest of this half term. Thank you for all your support engaging with the daily handwriting homework.

Please see a reminder of the key dates for this half term.

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November- 8:00am - 6:00pm SCHOOL CLOSED- Parent Conference Day
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November- 9:00am - 10:00am Individual Pupil Photos
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December- School nurse flu vaccination (Rec-Year 6)
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1:30pm- Last day of term
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Spring term

### **Christmas Concerts**

#### **Hawkshead Road**

- Wednesday 8th December 9.30am - Y1,2,3 (approx. 30mins)
- Thursday 9th December 2.15pm - Y4,5,6 and Choirs (approx. 45mins)
- Tuesday 14th December 9.30am - Early Years (approx. 20mins)

#### **Gwenneth Rickus**

- Wednesday 8th December 2.30pm - Reception and Y1 (approx. 25mins)
- Friday 10th December 9.30am - Y2&3 and Choirs (approx. 25mins)
- Friday 10th December 2.15pm - Y4,5,6 and Choirs (approx. 45mins)

**Miss Rachel Mollett**

**Executive Headteacher**