

# Giffard Park Primary School

‘Success Starts Here’



## 10 July 2020

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**To all our children and families,**

It is hard to believe that we are vast approaching the end of the school year. I am sure that for those of you who are still working hard with the home learning – you will be very much looking forward to a break too! Thank you so much for all of your support during what has been a very challenging year. As you can imagine, we are planning the return to school in September very carefully.

### **End of year reports**

You should have received your child’s end of year report and also their new class allocation for September, if you have not received this yet then please contact the school office.

### **Staffing changes**

Mrs Coster and Mrs Ings have some very exciting news – they are both expecting a baby and will be starting their Maternity leave in September. Miss Bowley is relocating to Essex and we wish her all the very best with her new house and job. Mr Smith is also leaving us at the end of this year. Mr Hobley is leaving to become the Head of PE at another Primary School. Our teaching assistants Mrs Godagama and Mrs Goyal are also leaving to pursue new adventures. I am sure that you will join me in wishing all of our staff leaving the very best of luck with their next steps.

We are also welcoming Miss Thomas and Miss Ashley, who are joining us in September as class teachers of Year 5 C S Lewis and Year 4 Morpurgo classes.

### **New classes welcome videos**

The teachers of the children’s new classes have made special video welcome messages. They have also written letters to the children, which you should receive today. The videos are on our school Facebook page and website.

### **Congratulations**

Miss Thompson and Mrs Hand who have been working really hard over the past year and have now passed their National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership (NPQML).

### **Home learning**

I would like to thank all of the parents/carers who have been taking on the role of teacher for their children in their own homes. I know that this has been extremely challenging for you all especially as some children find it hard to accept that home has become their temporary place of learning. Thank you for doing your best at this difficult time. Well done to all of the children who have worked diligently throughout the time they have not been attending school, the teachers have been very impressed with what they have seen on the class email pages.

### **School from September 2020**

A very detailed letter will be sent out to you on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, which explains the plan for us to be able to welcome all children back to school in September.

### **Year 6 Leavers**

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and all of the staff to wish our Year 6’s all the very best for the future. I know that it has not been the most ideal way for them to leave Primary School, however I have no doubt that they will continue to be successful in the future. We are still hoping to host our Year 6 Leaver’s Garden Party on the 4<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30-3.30pm so that we can give them a proper send off, fingers crossed Mrs Coster will not have had her baby by then!

**Keeping in touch**

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting us via the class email addresses.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break – whether it is a staycation or a last minute break abroad – stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Miss E Donoghue

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E Donoghue".