



22nd December 2023

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE - 22ND DECEMBER 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of this autumn term, I wanted to write to you reflecting on what has been a very positive and enjoyable first term at Richmond Hill Primary Academy. The children have settled in well to their new classes and are progressing well in their learning and development.

There have been many memorable events and activities this term, from our choir and sports achievements, to the Christmas concerts and plays, to our winter fayre and cinema nights. A particular highlight was the visit from Father Christmas and his mischievous elves! Thank you to all our families who have helped in supporting these events and activities - your support is invaluable. The children also enjoyed participating in competitions such as the bookmark and cracker making, coming up with some fantastic designs and hilarious jokes!

Parent Questionnaire - Thank you also to those of you who completed the recent school questionnaire. Your feedback is so important in helping us identify areas for improvement. We will be carefully reviewing all the survey responses in January and using these to help shape the school's development plan with leaders and governors.

I wanted to let you know that I have been asked to extend my support to our nearby infant school up until Easter. I will be spending two days a week at the infant school, with Mrs Cousins continuing in her role as Acting Principal at Richmond Hill for those two days.

AMERICAN DINER THEME EXPERIENCE - Please note in your diaries that on **Thursday 18th January**, we will be holding a special 'American Diner' themed lunch day. This will be a fun dining experience for **all** the children to enjoy, including Nursery; even if your child normally has a packed lunch you can choose to book them a meal. Bookings to be completed via ParentPay as normal. Just to remind parents/carers that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals, so you can book for them to enjoy the American diner experience without any extra cost.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas break. The new spring term starts on Monday 8th January and I look forward to continuing our partnership in the new year.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Secker
Principal

