



# Hazeldown Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the half term, we would like to **thank you all for your support over the last seven weeks**. We have had a number of educational visits to support our learning journeys which have seen many of you giving up your time to help, there have been some wonderful examples of home-learning which has seen you supporting your children with their learning and a there has been a significant amount of time at home given over to reading. The PTA disco was really successful and could not run without the support of those concerned and we had a great turn out for our celebration event at the end of our 'Compass for Life' learning journey. We are really grateful for your support for the school and your children.

**Parents' Evenings** are on the Tuesday and Thursday of the first week back after half term. You will have received an appointment slip letting you know which time slot you have been given. We have done our very best to accommodate your requests and match siblings up across classes. Some times are obviously more popular than others so you may find you are close to, but not at, your requested time. If you did not return a form, you will have been allocated a time slot.

Please take the time on Parents' Evening to look through your children's work. You could ask them about the progress they feel they have made or where they have improved some work either as a result of an adult supporting them (which may be marked in the book by a the letters 'VF' standing for Verbal Feedback') or through working with another child. Don't forget that we use the colour 'green for good' and pink for 'think pink', where your child needs to think again and improve their work. This may be with written comments but is very often highlighted words or sections of work. The learning objective at the top of the page will be highlighted to show whether it has been successfully achieved or if there is more work required.

I would like to remind you that our **mobile phone policy** remains in place throughout parents' evening to ensure the safety of your children. Please don't have your phone out in school whilst you are waiting to see your child's teacher – there is plenty of work in their books to keep you entertained or, alternatively, you could take the opportunity to read with your child.

We are in the very early stages of putting plans together to start a **pre-school/nursery** on site, which is an exciting development for the school and an area we have been keen to move in to for some time. Changes in provision in the local area mean we have now been given the go-ahead to explore this further. Look out for a consultation document next half term, which will be aimed at identifying specific information about the need for nursery places within the local community.

Unfortunately, I need to inform you that Miss Wolf has made the decision to resign from her post at Hazeldown for personal reasons. Teachers have several points in the year when they may give notice of



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leaving. October half term is one of them and this means that Miss Wolf will be leaving the school at Christmas.

I felt it appropriate to inform parents as soon as possible about this change. This does, however, mean that we are currently unable to tell you who will be teaching the class after Christmas. I would like to re-assure you that we will let you know as soon as possible and will ensure that the children continue to receive high quality teaching through the remainder of this academic year.

Finally, we wish you all an enjoyable and restful half term break and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Ludford,  
Headteacher



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