Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School

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21.10.21 Dear Parents/Carers,

Half termly update

It has been an extremely busy half term and I know that all the teachers and pupils are looking forward to a well-deserved rest. Our Harvest Festival in Church last Thursday was lovely and it was great to see so many of you attending and enjoying all the old songs again!

There are a few changes occurring in school and I am now in a position to let parents know about them. Sadly at the end of the Autumn term both Mrs Bickerstaffe and Mrs Jones from Class 1 will be leaving us, I am sure you will join with me in wishing them well and thanking them for all they have done for the school over the years. In January 2022 Miss Gray (job share in Class 2) will become the Class 1 teacher, she has been undertaking all our new phonics training and is ready to take on a full time role in the school, I am sure she will do an excellent job. Mrs Tomkinson will remain in Class 2 for three days a week and on the other two days Class 2 will be taught by Miss Langtree, a new teacher who comes with plenty of experience. The children in Class 2 met her and helped interview her last Friday, they were very impressed! Miss France will remain teacher in Class 3 as well as Lead teacher in school and our SENDCO.

The PTFA have worked very hard this term and we would like to thank them for all their efforts, particularly in clubbing together with Hinstock's PTFA and putting on such an amazing Fedfest in September. It was a really enjoyable event and made £500 for each school. Bags2School has recently taken place and they are planning a spooky Halloween Disco over half term as well as a Christmas Walking Market in December, be on the lookout for details. They have asked that I remind parents, past and present, that a book was published in December 2020 following the first national lockdown about the children's lockdown experiences, there are still some available for £8.50 if parents would like to contact Kayleigh Williams PTFA Chair through school or on the gate.

Additionally thankyou to the PTFA for organising sponsorship for us to have such a wonderful mural painted on the side of our school. We are hoping to thank groups in person next half term and publicise this beautiful piece, which has really added to our school. Many thanks to Mrs Blank and Miss France for ensuring the wonderful project's success.

The governors are interested in looking at how we can go about increasing the numbers on roll at Cheswardine and have therefore commissioned some marketing research. Please could parents follow this link to a survey: <u>Survey Link</u> and submit it as soon as you can in order to inform the research.

Next term we hope to hold parents meetings but with COVID cases presently rising in Shropshire we will need to discuss whether they are remote or in school. They will be likely to take place in the **week beginning 22nd November** and details will be sent out as soon as we return, after I talk the arrangements over with teaching staff tomorrow on our PD day.

We would all like to wish you a relaxing and fun half term. Remember we return to school on Monday 1st November.

Yours sincerely,

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Rachael Williams (Executive Headteacher)



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