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Inspiring Children to **shine**



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'walk as children of light'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break! We are back into the full swing of life here at Hardwicke and the children are already working their socks off!

Over the course of this very unprecedented year, we have been relentless to ensure that the children's education is at the front and centre of all that we do! We have also worked alongside all stakeholders in order to create our school vision. Both parents/carers and children have been instrumental in contributing towards our agreed set of values. Each family will be given a card with our school vision set out – please do talk to your children about it. Our 'Motto' is 'Inspiring children to shine, as they walk as children of light.' This has been taken back to the roots of our faith, from Ephesians (Chapter 5 Verse 8).

Alongside our school vision, we have reviewed and rewritten our Behaviour Policy which is available on the school website. Please do take time to look through and read it! Hopefully, you will have heard your children talk about **'Ready, Respectful and Safe.'** Our policy is based on our school vision, as well as academic research, so that the focus is on recognising positive behaviours, but clear steps outlined, should **'Ready, Respect, Safe'** not be adhered to. Every classroom has a **'Recognition Board'** which children are added to throughout the day when they have been recognised for 'exceptional behaviour.' We aspire for all children to get on the recognition board daily as a result of their effort. As well as this, children will be receiving house points for demonstrating that they are **'Ready, Respectful and Safe.'** House points will be collected weekly and the winning house will be announced during our celebration worship every Friday. At the end of each term, the winning house will receive a treat. If you have any questions or comments, then please do send them to slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk

I wanted also to take this opportunity to update you with some staffing changes! We are very excited about the imminent arrival of Mr Walsh's baby. We would like to send Mr. Walsh and his partner all of our love and best wishes as they welcome their first baby into the world. While Mr Walsh is on paternity leave, 4W will be covered by Miss Martin who also covered in YRB. Mrs. Gregory is pregnant which is fabulous news! I'm sure you will join me in congratulating her and her family! Mrs. Gregory plans to be with us here at Hardwicke, until the start of the next academic year (September 2021), when she will begin her maternity leave! Obviously this is subject to change and we wish her a happy and healthy pregnancy. Once I have a plan in place with regards to her replacement, I will communicate this with you. Equally, Mrs. Kerrod has decided to **'hang up her hat'** from teaching and is due to retire at the end of this academic year (July 2021). I'm sure you'll agree that Mrs. Kerrod has been a dedicated member of staff and made such a difference to the children here at Hardwicke! We wish her the very best of luck in her retirement! We therefore will be recruiting a new member of staff this term! I will of course, keep you up to date with any developments!



As always, your continued support is very much appreciated!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wendy D'Arcy', written in a cursive style.

Wendy D'Arcy
Headteacher