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Dear Parents and Carers

After a long and busy 6 weeks we have finally reached the half way point of this term. I'm sure, like me, that all children and staff are looking forward to the half term break and next week can't come soon enough. Those parents who have been supporting their children with home learning during this lockdown period will no doubt appreciate a break too!

I must say I am so impressed with the work that children at home and school have been completing, some of it independently and some with the support and encouragement of their families, teachers or teaching assistants. Well done everyone!

We are all eagerly awaiting the Government announcement on 22nd February and my hope is that our school will be able to fully open to all children on 8th March, or as soon after that as possible.

I want to reassure you that, when school is fully open, we will welcome the children back with open arms and do all we can to make them feel safe, happy and secure. We will address learning needs based upon our professional assessments, having allowed the children a little time to settle back in to school and our routines and procedures.

Staffing news

Sadly, Mr Tarrant (year 4 leader) will be leaving us at Easter as he has been successful in gaining promotion to Assistant Head in another East Riding school. Congratulations; this is a great achievement! Of course we are very happy for 'Mr T' and wish him well as his career progresses, but he will be sadly missed by us all.

For the summer term, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Grant will be teaching 4T. The children already know Mrs Grant well as she has been teaching all the year 4 classes when it is the teachers PPA times. We are very happy that Mrs Grant, an integral member of the year 4 staff team, is taking on this role in order to maintain continuity for the class and year group.

The year leader role will temporarily be filled by Mrs Sash who has previously been a senior leader so has the experience required to carry out this job effectively. Again, we are hugely grateful to Mrs Sash for stepping in and taking on this role until we are able to appoint a permanent year leader for September.



Mrs Collin, teaching assistant in 3W, is starting her maternity leave from today. We would all like to wish her well and we are certainly looking forward to meeting her 'new arrival' in a few weeks time (virtually of course!!).

Mrs Brigham who has worked at DJS for many years now in our preparation room and as a first aider, is also leaving us at Easter. We are really sad that she is leaving us but wish her well with her future commitments and we know she'll keep in touch.

Happy half term

Finally, I wish all children and staff a very happy and well-deserved half term break.

Mrs L J Laird

Headteacher