

## ***To make our dreams come true***

*through our shared Christian Values of compassion, respect, trust, wisdom and friendship*

*You are like a tree planted by the water, bearing fresh fruit every month,  
Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom. Psalm 1:3*

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break. We are looking forward to Term 3. You will receive curriculum overviews for this term shortly from your child's classteacher. Please see an update regarding on-going school improvement below and dates for your diary for the coming year.

### School Improvement

School improvement is a continuous process undertaken by all schools, stretching from maintenance and school grounds, to school targets and new teaching methods. School works are on-going; in recent years the school roof has been replaced and the children's toilets have been refurbished. There's much else including new furniture and carpets, and indeed some works are unseen, but still costly-endless plumbing! Since September, we have set up a new server and phone system, we have a new school fence and gates, and some internal decoration work has taken place. Works are due to start on the main road fence and we are going to update our school sign. Internally, our current focus is the school library.

### School Library

During the Christmas holidays work began on the refurbishment of the school library. We are working with the Wiltshire Learning Resources Hub to review the contents of our library and will be purchasing new books from recommended reading lists, to continue to inspire our young readers to read for pleasure. Special thanks to FOLS for agreeing to help to replenish our library resources. Regarding phonics, we have a separate collection of reading books, linked to our phonics scheme, that we regularly replenish. These are not part of the school library. We are also very grateful to our volunteer reading helpers and lovely Bonnie.

### Teaching and Learning

Regarding teaching and learning, working alongside other Pickwick Academy schools, we have introduced a new and exciting enquiry-based curriculum. We will also be adapting our assessment programme to align with Pickwick Academy. Of course, the most significant part of our school improvement plan was selecting and joining a suitable academy. Please speak to me or school governors about school improvement if you wish to know more. Our work with Pickwick Academy is just beginning!

As always, if you have any concerns or queries, please speak to your child's teacher at the end of the school day, contact the school office or arrange to speak to me.

Best wishes,  
Louise Knipe  
Headteacher

**Dates for your diary: see overleaf**

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## **Dates for your diary**

Please see the school website

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January -School Photographer

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024- TD DAY

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 -18<sup>th</sup> February 2024-Half Term

19<sup>th</sup> February 2024-Term 4 begins

19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March- Parents' Evenings

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March -All day Easter Workshops, parents welcome to the Easter Service-2pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March-14<sup>th</sup> April 2024- Easter Break

15<sup>th</sup> April 2024- Term 5 begins

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May- May Half Term

11<sup>th</sup> June -Celebration of Culture 1pm

18<sup>th</sup> June- Sports' Day

20<sup>th</sup> June- Y6 Leavers- Cathedral Service

24<sup>th</sup> July- School Leavers' Service

24<sup>th</sup> July- Last day of term.

