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Dear Parents and Carers,

My first term here has been incredibly rewarding and I would like to thank the whole school community for making me feel so welcome.

The children have been amazing and have had some wonderful experiences to enrich their learning from visiting Winchester college, to going to the Hawk Conservancy, to taking part in some amazing sporting events from football to lacrosse to kayaking. Their enthusiasm and desire to succeed has been a joy to see as has the dedication from the staff and governors to make it happen and, of course, your support.

As you know, we have been working hard to ensure our safeguarding procedures continue to be robust. The new gates and fencing have ensured the site is even more secure and our procedures in terms of the start of the day have hopefully alleviated some of the concerns around parking and traffic. We are continually looking at ways to ensure the safety of the children and really do appreciate your support and understanding with these initiatives. Please do feel free to make any suggestions if there are other ways you think we can improve.

As a school, we are continually thinking of ways to enhance our facilities to ensure the children get the best educational experience. As many of you will know, our focus this term has been working on ways to create a lovely learning space that will incorporate our library allowing the pupils access to an arts and discovery area. Staff and governors have been working behind the scenes to come up with ideas to make this a reality. We are now in the process of instructing suppliers to start the work necessary to turn the IT suite into this new multi-use space. Due to the hard work of FOSS in their fundraising efforts and your commitment to supporting them, we now have enough money to fund laptops that will enable classes to undertake computing in their classrooms allowing us the flexibility to use the IT suite space. We are very excited about the ability to ensure reading in the school remains a real focus that will inspire children, enhance their learning and enable them to see the real value and pleasure of reading. As they say, 'reading can take you anywhere'.

We are really looking forward to next term and continuing to fulfil our goals and objectives from our School Improvement Plan. On the 29th January we would like to give parents the opportunity to come in and meet with the school leadership team and governors to share and discuss our vision for the school going forward so please save the date and more details will follow in January.

I hope you all have a really lovely and relaxing Christmas and I am very much looking forward to what I know will be another amazing term.

Thank you again for all the support you have shown me.

Merry Christmas and best wishes,

Mrs Hanratty

