

High Bank Junior, Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic term it has been at High Bank! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as Parents and Carers for your support, patience and kindness through another tricky term.

Christmas is the time to celebrate the goodness in our lives and to show thanks to others. We are fortunate to be supported so well by our Governors and I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment to our school. I would like to say a huge thank you in particular to Graeme Sunderland who has now stepped down from his position as Chair of Governors. Mr Sunderland has been a Governor at the school for 10 years and High Bank will be forever grateful for the skill, dedication and hard work he brought to the role. I would also like to say thank you to Nick Irons our Vice-Chair of Governors whose term has ended at High Bank. Mr Irons has also been a dedicated and hard-working Governor and we very much appreciate all he has done for High Bank. We wish you both well. Mrs Sam Naylor has now been appointed Chair and Tracey Green has been appointed Vice Chair. We also welcome Sonja Durkin- Jones as Governor to High Bank.

We also say goodbye to two members of staff. Mrs Metcalfe, our Learning mentor has worked at High Bank for 10 years and has truly made a huge impact on many children's lives. Mrs Metcalfe has secured a position as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant at a school closer to her home. Mrs Sladen will also be leaving us at the end of term to take up a role within the School Nursing Team. She has worked hard at High Bank, particularly with her expertise in outdoor learning. I would like to thank both of them for their hard work and wish them the very best of luck in their new roles.

As one maternity leave begins another one ends. Mrs Bartkiw will begin her maternity leave at the end of the term. We cannot wait to meet the new

addition and look forward to hearing some great news in the New Year. We will miss you Mrs Bartkiw but look forward to seeing you soon. The new year sees the return of Miss Thomas who will be teaching in year 5. Miss Thomas knows the year 5 cohort already so I am sure you will agree that this will be a smooth transition for the children.

Our staff, continue to amaze me in all they do and how they collectively provide such wonderful opportunities and standards for our children as well as providing additional Christmas activities and helping with fundraising events when they also have their own children to support at home too. Staff, I hope you have a very restful Christmas and enjoy your break.

I will end this letter with a special mention to our children, who bring such life to the school and demonstrate each day how well they learn, how well they progress and how much they contribute to the school, their families and their friends. To each and every one of you well done and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas. I am so proud to be the head teacher of this wonderful school and I can't wait for what 2022 brings for us at High Bank.

On behalf of the staff and governors I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. See you on the 4th January 2022!

Mrs K Chubb

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