



## **14.06.2021 Head Teacher's Update for families - Class photos, Staff update and Meet the Teacher**

Good evening families.

I hope you are well and had a good weekend.

Apologies for the lack of End of Week Check in from me but my time was taken up with the comms following the positive Covid test result in school. My thoughts are with those of you who are currently having to isolate.

Thank you to everyone for their support in responding to this situation and ensuring that everyone not affected was able to come into school safely today.

We will continue to strictly adhere to the guidelines we have in place to do our best to make sure that we can all remain at school until the end of term.

Life continues at a rapid pace as we head towards the end of this school year with lots happening.

Tomorrow the class photographs are taking place and I look forward to seeing all the children coming in looking extra smart!

The photos will be taken outside with the photographer following our risk mitigation guidelines and practices.

It will be a lovely memory for the children to have after such a tough year.

I will share the link to order the photos as soon as Susan from Clear Photography sends it to me.

It was a real pleasure to share the names of the class teachers for this coming school year. I am really excited about our team and the year ahead your children will have.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Stephanie Wallace, Miss Kristy Dishington, Miss Caitlin Morrow and Miss Hayley Stewart to the school. I have attached photos to this update so you can recognise them when you see them.

We are really pleased Miss Lisa Macleod is staying with us for this coming year.

We are very sorry to say good bye to Miss Voss, Miss Anderson, Miss Kinghorn, and Mrs Mughal. We thank them for all their hard work, dedication and love for the children during their time with us and wish them all the best for the future. We will miss them and hope that they keep in touch to let us know how they are getting on.

Mrs Heron is taking a secondment at a special school for the year and we look forward to hearing how she is getting on through the coming months.

Mrs Megaw is taking a career break and we wish her well in her new ventures.

I would like to make a special mention of thanks to Tracy Goldie, our Parent Council Chair, who is leaving at the end of this session. She has been a fantastic support for the school and will be sorely missed.

Mr Phil Dickson has been voted in as our new Parent Council chair and we are really looking forward to continuing to work closely with him and the rest of the Parent Council in the coming year.

Mr Brian Cairnie and Mrs Diane Chapman are both retiring at the end of this term and we hope that they are very much looking forward to some much deserved rest and relaxation over the Summer and beyond! We thank them for their years of service to the school and the memories they have given to all those they have worked with.

We aren't able to have a celebration for them but are going to have a special TEAMS assembly in their honour.

I know many of you have known them for a lot of years and would like to acknowledge this. Both Mr Cairnie and Mrs Chapman have asked that you don't send them in gifts but simply show your appreciation by sending an email to them. That will mean an awful lot to them. You can send your messages to them via the school admin account, [admin@royalhigh-pri.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@royalhigh-pri.edin.sch.uk). I know they will be delighted to hear from you.

We have received advice from the Senior managers at the City of Edinburgh Council that we politely encourage you not to give the staff gifts at the end of the Summer term. Their reasons for this are linked to our infection control restrictions and risk mitigation but also as an acknowledgement of avoiding an equity issue.

As with Mr Cairnie and Mrs Chapman, an email of support and thanks would be gratefully received by staff, particularly after the tremendous effort they have made during the Covid pandemic. Your words will have a long lasting effect and give the staff a real feeling of appreciation and support as they start their very well earned Summer holidays.

Thank you.

The children are excited about meeting their teachers on Wednesday and will no doubt want to share with you what they did with them so please take a moment to chat to them about this.

Here is the link for my Head Teacher's End of Week check in video from Friday -  
<https://youtu.be/IZp6Y4oZ-Mw>

I'll be in touch at the end of this week with my usual Check In but until then, take care, stay well and keep in touch.

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