



Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I love this time of year because we say goodbye to the long dark nights, the freezing air and welcome in spring. For me seeing the first buds and blooms appear and the daffodils break through the earth on site has been a welcome change from the relentless grey and rain that we have experienced. I have continued to tell myself on the front gate that no matter how hard and cold winter is we can always guarantee that spring will come and settle in, even if it has felt like a long time coming. I think this is why spring settling in will be even more wonderful this year and we will look forward to the Easter Holiday and the Summer Term with a real sign that winter is behind us and brighter weather is here to stay.

The different seasons can be a helpful way to think about our own lives. There are times when it can feel like our life is in the deepest point of winter and we really struggle, and then other times, we feel like summer is here and we feel amazing. This is all part of the experience of being human. We might not like being in winter, but it does mean that when the warmer seasons arrive, we can really appreciate and enjoy them.

I have taken time to reflect on the end of my second term here at Windlesham and what is apparent is that the school wholeheartedly deserved the excellent ISI report last year. What I love most is the interaction I witness and experience every day between staff and children. It really is special! Spring term is very different to autumn term and I expect that the summer will be



exactly the same but as I move through the year I am getting a deeper sense and understanding of the school which will help me and the staff team look at areas of development and moving the school forward.

I have enjoyed the various focus weeks that the children have benefitted during the term. They provided exciting opportunities for the children to dig deep into subject areas and to build upon the curriculum that they follow. It was amazing to see the creative ideas that staff put together. Watching music performances, the Year 3 and 4 Easter show and our young footballers compete in London was also evidence of the opportunities children are getting to stretch their talents and also to take on the challenge of performing in what can be deemed pressurised situations.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Bone, who has completed her placement with us and was a real positive impact on Year 1 and the school. We wish her well in the future and we look forward to seeing Mrs Derby back in Year 1 after the Easter break.

A few points to take note of moving forward into the summer term please:

1. A reminder that children need to be supervised by parents at drop off/pickup by the veranda. Please, once your children have been collected keep them waiting with you until you leave.
2. Please do make sure that parking in areas outside of school is correctly adhered to, especially by the crossing. There has been a close call by the crossing as a result of a van blocking a child's view and we would not want this to take place again.



3. Children return to school following the Easter break on
Tuesday 23rd April.

From all of us at Windlesham we sincerely wish you all a lovely
Easter break and we look forward to seeing the children again on
Tuesday 23rd April!

Kind regards,

David Leggett

Headmaster