



Achievement through readiness, honesty and determination

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Dear parents and carers,

As the end of the Autumn Term arrives it is a good time to reflect on the first term of the academic year.

I have to begin by saying how proud I am of our Reception pupils who have settled in to school and their routines so well. It is always a delight to visit Reception and see the excitement and enthusiasm of their learning. It never ceases to amaze me how much great progress they make in this first term when, through the learning of phonics, they can suddenly read and write sentences!

We were incredibly proud of our Ofsted inspection which took place in September. The staff at Coupals work so incredibly hard and the inspection identified that their hard work over the last few years has paid off. We have exciting plans for the next three years to continue to improve our school to help pupils achieve more and more.

There has been lots of exciting learning taking place across the school ranging from the Great Fire of London to Dinosaurs and the Human Body to the Solar System. Visiting classes to see the children learning in these areas has demonstrated just how interested and engaged the children are with their learning. We look forward to seeing more excellent learning taking place in the Spring Term.

We were also incredibly proud of the fantastic performances put on by our children over the last week. Reception and Year 1 performed 'Shine Star Shine' fantastically while children in other year groups performed a range of class assemblies which were also excellent.

There is so much more to write about but not enough room to do it. However, there is also a lot for us to look forward to in the next term when we return in January. These include:

- Having our full facilities back (including more playground space) when the building work is completed
- Some workshops for parents running to support pupils' learning
- New elements of our curriculum being developed (to better support pupils' understanding of how to be safe and also a strand of our curriculum exploring the arts).

On behalf of the staff at Coupals I would like to thank you for your ongoing support this term and would also like to take the opportunity to wish you a restful and relaxing Christmas break. Merry Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you in January.

Yours sincerely,

David Maguire
Headteacher