



23rd November 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

The next few weeks....

It has certainly been a busy and exciting first term so far, and we are about to enter a few weeks with even more events and activities to enjoy.

Preparations for the Winter Production on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December are well underway, and the excitement is building in school. Have you got your tickets yet?

Both the primary and middle school departments will be inviting parents in for a 'Christmas activity' with the students. These are usually popular, well attended events, giving you the chance to have fun and see your child in their class with their peers.

We also have our Christmas dinner to look forward to on Thursday 15th December, an event where all the staff and pupils sit down together to enjoy a dinner and raise a toast to people or things in life we are thankful for.

At the end of term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Kathryn Sheffle and Miss Jennifer Burchett. Mrs Sheffle has been at Thriftwood School for over eight years, rising to the post of Primary Phase Leader. She has become a valuable member of the school Leadership team. Her experience and expertise have enabled her to successfully lead the Primary department and work as Puffin class teacher. We wish her every success as she progresses her career at the new Hawthorns School, within the Trust.

We have been lucky to recruit Ms Hannah Rayner who will be working with Mrs Gemma Green to teach Puffin class and lead the Primary Phase.

Miss Burchett, Robin's class teacher, is also moving to Hawthorns school in January. We will miss her outstanding practice and wish her every luck in her new challenge. Mrs Karen MacLennan will move into Robin class in January, and Miss Hannah Tyler will work alongside Mrs Kate Ferguson in Swan class.

We will also welcome back Mrs Gemma Chittock from maternity leave, and she will be working across Woodpecker, Dove, and Swan class groups.

Our last day in school will be Tuesday 20th December 2022 and we will be finishing at 1 p.m.

All that remains to say is that we hope you and your children enjoy the last few weeks of this term, that you all manage to have a relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Thursday 5th January 2023.

Warm regards

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