

16 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the autumn term, I am writing to express my sincere thanks for your continued support. This term has been my first as the Executive Headteacher of the Ashington Learning Partnership and although we continue to endure the many challenges Covid-19 presents for us all, I am immensely proud of the resilience and positivity of our ALP community.

Throughout the term, staff have worked incredibly hard to help pupils to successfully transition back into school, supporting their social and emotional wellbeing as well as re-visiting and building upon prior curriculum learning. I am sure that you will join me in extending your thanks and appreciation - we are incredibly fortunate to have such a fantastic staff team across our ALP schools.

Unfortunately, however, Mr Carrick (SENDCo) and Mr Johnson (Year 5) will be leaving us at Christmas. They leave with our thanks and very best wishes for the future. Miss A Hall (Deputy Head of School) and Mrs A Nicholson will be leading SEND provision at Central from January. Many of you will already know Mrs Nicholson and I am delighted that she will be joining us as Senior SENDCo with Miss Hall as Trust Strategic Lead for SEND from January. Also, our thanks and best wishes go to Jennifer Maloney who has been a fantastic support as Assistant Cook and who is retiring after many years of service.

Christmas is one of my favorite times of year and this week we have certainly embraced all manner of festivities from a gorgeous Christmas lunch, party games, performances, a virtual pantomime and craft activities. Shared memorable experiences are such an important part of primary school and we have thoroughly enjoyed reveling in the magic of Christmas across our ALP sites.

We hope that you enjoy sharing a little of our Christmas cheer too by watching our Christmas productions; we certainly had fun learning our lines, reciting poems and practicing new songs. My special thanks to Mr Browell for the many hours spent collating!

A reminder that school closes at normal time on Friday 17 December and **returns on Wednesday 5 January.**

On behalf of the staff and governors of the Ashington Learning Partnership, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and very happy and safe New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Headteacher