

**Herne View Church of England Primary School
including Apple Orchard Pre-School**

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Welcome back to the Autumn Term at Herne View Church of England Primary

As we reach the end of our first week in our new school I would like to thank everyone for supporting us in creating the new Herne View. Over the Summer holidays a lot of work was undertaken in classrooms, kitchen, grounds and communal areas and whilst the school is now looking fantastic, what has made it come alive has been the smiles, laughter and voices of our pupils.

Thanks go to all the staff who have come together to ensure classrooms are ready and children are supported as they move not only to a new class but in some cases a new site and school. We have enjoyed welcoming families to Herne View and we thank families for their understanding when things like uniform and telephones are taking longer to sort as we have been let down by the companies and we share your frustration with these.

This week is a shorter letter and next week we will start our regular weekly newsletters, with the first one being an extended version with reminders for the school year.

One future event we do want to draw your attention to is Ilminster Children's Carnival. The Ilminster Carnival Committee are very kindly again supporting and providing prizes for a decorated umbrella competition. Children are welcome to decorate umbrellas at home and bring them in on Friday 23rd September for judging. All children will also be welcome to walk with the school in the Ilminster Children's Carnival on Saturday 24th September in the afternoon. This competition is open to all children from pre-school to Year 6.

We would like to ask our families to support us in keeping our children safe by not parking in the front car park at the Ditton Street campus when collecting/dropping off children. This ensures school transport has clear access and it is safe for pupils to embark/disembark and leaves space for those families with official disability parking badges to park. We have put in a specific pedestrian walkway at this site on the pre-school side of the building and would ask all visitors to use this and to cross with Mr Broom our School Crossing Patrol.

As we start this new year, we are very sorry that Mr Whitfield is currently unable to join us as he is unwell. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming him back.

To end this letter, one of our Year 6 teachers, Ms Carver, shared this piece of work written by Poppy in Year 6 which beautifully brings together all our hopes for educating the children of Ilminster.

Ingredients for Herne View Church of England Primary School

*Comforting warmth in the Winter season
Daring challenges for ambitious pupils
Page turning books from far away lands
Shelves to keep the school tidy
Kind and supportive friends
Organised, friendly staff and teachers
Mix together all the religions and add them to the mix*

First, chop the books and stir in some respect before leaving to put to a side. Blend together the kind, supportive friends, crack and beat in organisation along with tidiness and challenge. Extract and chop shelves and add to the book mix, put everything together in a baking tray and bake with a comforting warmth.

We have an amazing school and we look forward to sharing it with you all throughout this academic year.

With best wishes
Claire Oaten
Headteacher