



# The Dove Federation

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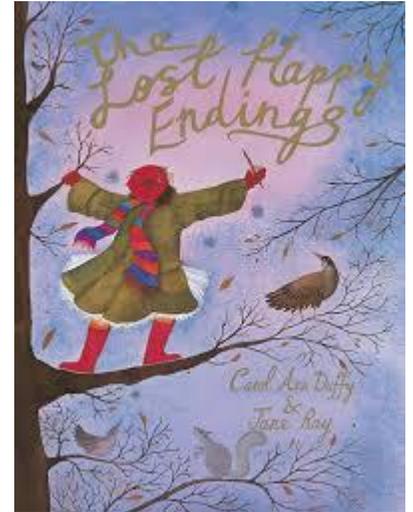
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## End of half term letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the first half term of 2026 following six busy weeks since returning after Christmas. What a lot we have fitted in during this time though – our Lost Happy Endings to start the year was wonderful, followed by parent celebrations (it was lovely to see so many of you join us for this end of book fortnight celebration – thank you), Children’s Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day ☺

It has been a really encouraging start to the new calendar year and I am looking forward to our parent meetings next half term where you have an opportunity to hear about your child’s ongoing successes. I do hope you will be able to attend parent meetings on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Church Broughton and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Heath Fields to hear about your child’s progress, achievements and next steps.



This week we have also participated in Safer Internet Day with classes taking part in additional activities and discussions about safe practices online. This is obviously a very important topic – if you have any questions or want any advice about any aspects of children accessing online resources and apps at home, please get in touch with us as we can find and share tips and checklists from our National Online Safety database which is updated regularly.

We have also participated in Children’s Mental Health Week this week across the Federation of Schools. The children have taken part in additional activities and discussions to support their own mental health and well-being, some of these activities have included YogaBugs yoga sessions and theatre shows.



Our new Management Information System (MIS) Arbor is now in place across the Federation, more information will be sent out to families to support this one stop shop app that should help make payments, communication, booking appointments etc. much smoother (and in one place too).

## Emailing communication update

We also have noticed that we have been having issues with emails from parents going into spam boxes and not being read/acted on/replied to. Moving forward, to ensure all communication is received and directed to the correct correspondent please **only** send emails for Heath Fields to [enquiries@heathfields.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@heathfields.derbyshire.sch.uk) and for Church Broughton to [enquiries@churchbroughton.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@churchbroughton.derbyshire.sch.uk) Please do not email staff directly. Their

correspondence will also arrive via the emails provided or on the school emailing system. Thank you for your help with this. Hopefully, we will now ensure that all communication is received and can then be responded to in a timely manner.

### **Year 5/6 Whitemoor Lakes residential visits**

We are edging ever so much closer to our two residential visits for both schools - 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> March for Church Broughton's Yr5/6 children and 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March for Heath Fields' Yr6 children. This is a reminder to check remaining balances to be paid please. Kit lists and further information will be sent out soon.

### **Relief Lunchtime Supervisor wanted**

We are looking for a relief Lunchtime Supervisor at Church Broughton. Please contact either school office (on the email addresses above), if you have the flexibility and time to support our fabulous Lunchtime Supervising Teams and act as a relief member of staff. Due to safeguarding, the post will require DBS checks and references to be obtained. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **Sporting achievements 😊**

What a fabulous way to end the half term. Both schools have competed in a range of sporting events over the last 6 weeks; from football to basketball competitions. As always, the children made our staff members extremely proud of them; their dedication, concentration, team work and excellent sportsmanship shone brightly in all competitions. We also walked away with many certificates and as winners of some of the events (both schools won **gold** in the basketball events – along with silver and bronze positions – wow!!). Well done to everyone who competed 😊 We have many more events lined up for the next half term and will be sending details out for next half term and the summer, as soon as the overview is with us!



A big thank you to both PTA teams across the Federation, who have met numerous times this half term and held very successful events in both schools – thank you for your time and commitment to the children 😊

We have many exciting learning experiences planned for the second half of the academic year. We know the children will relish these challenges and continue to enjoy their learning. Dates and further events can be seen on the school calendars and are updated as we are aware of any changes/amendments that may happen.

I wish all of our children and families an enjoyable and restful half term break and look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Hopefully, we will also see signs of Spring when we return after the half term break too!

My very warmest wishes,

Handwritten signature of Mrs Nicola Oliphant.

Mrs Nicola Oliphant

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