

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you all well and in good spirits. As we approach the end of another term, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support over the past three months. Without your support, honesty, and care, our school would be lost.

It gives me great pleasure to celebrate the significant progress we have made as a school over the past 12 months. This progress could not have been achieved without the strong relationships that our staff have built with our families. East Dene has always been a community school, and it feels like we are on this journey together.

Furthermore, I am delighted to see our community growing in strength. We have had so many incredible events, from Eid festivals to Christmas plays, which have brought us all closer together. These celebrations have truly showcased the unity and diversity that make our school so special.

I am immensely proud of our leadership team, particularly Miss Harding, who has had a tremendous impact on the school. Alongside Miss Sheridan, Mrs Spafford and Miss Warner, they continue to lead us towards becoming an even better place to learn. I consider myself fortunate to work with such inspirational leaders and would be lost without their guidance. I must also acknowledge the remarkable contribution of Mrs Ahmed. She has proven to be an invaluable addition to our team, providing positive experiences for many families and going above and beyond for our children with special educational needs.

I want to publicly express my gratitude to our dedicated staff. Each and every member has shown tireless dedication over the past year. I have asked them to go above and beyond on numerous occasions, and they have always risen to the challenge. They are a truly exceptional group of teachers and support staff who passionately care about providing your children with the very best education.

As we look ahead to the new year, 2023 has been another special year for East Dene. We have continued to grow and build upon our successes. Our teachers deliver exceptional education, our families demonstrate exceptional care and love, and our children bring joy and light into a world full of hate. They truly are special.

We cannot wait for your children's return on Monday, 8th January 2024, as we embark on a new term filled with opportunities to create lasting memories and ensure your children make exceptional academic and social progress.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Warmest regards,

Ian Tankard
Headteacher