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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at Horsley. We hope you all had a restful break and are refreshed and ready for another exciting few weeks of learning, creativity, and festive fun.

This term, our curriculum focus is History, and we'll be exploring fascinating periods of the past through engaging lessons, hands-on projects, and storytelling. The children will have plenty of opportunities to make connections between what life was like long ago and how it compares to life today. We can't wait to see their curiosity and enthusiasm shine through as we bring the past to life in the classroom! We also have a few staffing updates to share.

- Miss Mansell will teach in Otter Class on Wednesday afternoons and all day Thursday, taking over from Mrs Vaughan, who will remain in Owls Class full-time.
- On Fridays, Miss Mansell will teach in Owls while Mrs Vaughan takes her day off.
- We are celebrating the (temporary) return of Mrs Brown, who will be working across Key Stage 1 and 2 on Tuesdays and Fridays, up until Christmas

We are confident that these arrangements will ensure consistency and high-quality teaching for both classes, and many exciting learning opportunities are ahead.

There have been some exciting changes around school, too. The children will notice our dazzling new playground mural, created by talented local artist Ferdeye. It's bright, inspiring, and truly reflects the spirit of our school community.

As always, this term is filled with plenty to look forward to. We'll soon begin preparing for our much-loved Nativity performance, a highlight of the year for children, staff, and families alike. We're also thrilled about our whole-school pantomime trip, which promises to bring lots of laughter and festive cheer. And of course, we'll round off the term with a joyful celebration of Christmas in true Horsley style! Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to another successful and happy term together.

Warm regards,

Mrs Everett and Mr Feldon
Co-Heads of School