

Dear Parent/Carer

Autumn Term 2023

I hope you and your child/children had an enjoyable summer holiday, though the weather could have been a bit more like summer weather.

Firstly, let me say that as far as we know, our pre-second world war built school isn't affected by having any Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) as have other schools across the country.

(RAAC is a lightweight material, often used in public buildings, in roofs, floors and walls between the 1950s and 1990s, mostly on one and two-storey buildings as then it was a cheaper, quicker and easier alternative to standard concrete).

The Local Authority has now arranged for a surveyor to carry out an inspection of our school on Monday 11th September.

The start of a new academic year is always an exciting time of change – last year's Y6 children have left for pastures new; Reception to Y5 move up a rung and a new Reception cohort have lots to find out and new friends to make. Staff are up for the challenge!

Mr Wright has made a bright start with our school, bringing a fresh impetus while focussing on the 'how' the curriculum is taught to deliver the best outcomes for the children.

As promised, I did sit in one of the Y6 SATS sessions in May – so pleasing to see the children concentrating without showing the stress that comes from being under prepared. Having heard later of how pupils across the country struggled just to understand the questions, it underwrites the quality of our teaching.

In the meantime, though perhaps September is a trifle early, we governors hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

With best wishes,

Nick Lacey

Chair of Governors