

# Acorn Park School



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# Newsletter



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## Acorn Park Autumn Term Round Up

Good morning everyone, hoping the start of the Christmas holidays is wonderfully merry! This term has been full of firsts at Acorn Park. 19 children had their first ever day at Acorn Park in September and they've all settled in marvellously. We have welcomed 24 new staff members this term and the support they've provided has been fantastically welcomed by our lovely children and all staff. Several of our children in the Formal School had their first trip to London, with our Year 11s going twice this term. Horticulture successfully provided our first veggies to the kitchen for lunches. We also need to say a big goodbye to our lovely headteacher Pip Whipp who has asked me to share this message with you all;

"Dear Families,

The time has come to say goodbye and to thank you all for your support over the past almost 4 years. It has been a privilege to be part of Acorn Park's story and journey. I will miss the school, and your children terribly.

I know that as I step away, the school is in great hands with Emma Willis (Formal) and Adam Masterson (Semi-Formal) as Heads of School. As we have grown, we have found that we have 2 schools within one here and so it makes sense that each has its own leadership. They have always been part of the vision for the school and so you should see very minimal change, if any over the coming months.

So, I wish you all a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and New Year. I will be keeping an eye on Acorn Park from my new school, Options Kinsale, in North Wales because part of my heart will always be here.

Pip"

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to Pip's leaving presentation at school yesterday, we managed to make Pip cry 23 and a half times! On a serious note, we wish Pip all the best in Wales, and already know that Kinsale is a better school for having Pip.

Autumn Term Student Stars;

Tyler L for working so hard this term in all of his lessons, and for being so cheerful every morning - he never fails to put a smile on our faces!

Finley F for having an amazing first term at Acorn Park and settling in brilliantly!

Kerr class students for being accepting of their new friend, Ziggy, and Ziggy for overcoming some of his anxieties which has enabled him to enter Kerr class and take part in several lessons each week.

Ross F for following instructions and learning to trust new staff and learn new routines.

Samara for learning to transition safely all over the school and having a huge smile on her face for her birthday!

James B for super English work this term including using semantic links to make Grinch sentences.

Autumn Term Staff Stars;

Emma W and Adam M for managing the transition into their new roles with such confidence and kindness.

Pip Whipp, for being the absolute force of a woman she is!

Rebecca D for being all-around amazing and super helpful, we would be lost without her!

Lauren E in Ahlberg for always getting stuck into the job, always being positive and slotting into Ahlberg with ease.

Aeris and Lauren W for making our days in Seuss fun and supporting the children with such care and passion.

Paula-Marie for being an amazing SENCO, always offering support to others especially with her fountain of knowledge.

Lisa Murton for being an amazing support to every team across the whole school each day.

Laura Dallas for all her support in directing and editing the Christmas production.

Kayleigh for organising all the end of term trips and Taskmaster day which was awesome.