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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

As the end of the Autumn Term approaches I would like to thank you all for your continued support. This term has seen a number of changes in the centre and the impact of these changes can be seen in improved pupil engagement across the centre.

**Over the past term we have had some excellent successes:**

- 25 pupils have achieved their Level 1 English or Maths Functional Skills and 5 pupils have achieved their Level 2 in English and Maths. This is an excellent set of results and all pupils involved should be commended for their positive attitudes towards sitting the Functional Skills tests – Mrs Sherwood and Mrs Barker have never known so many pupils actively seeking to sit the tests!
- We raised £72.35 for Children in Need during our Pudsey Day organised by Miss Natalie.
- In November we had a very positive visit from an adviser from the Local Authority which commended the excellent teaching and learning in the centre.
- Pupils from the East side ventured to the cinema in Portsmouth to see 'Maleficent' or 'The Addams Family' whilst pupils from the West side journeyed to IKEA to find furnishings for their common room.
- Our two activity days – Teambuilding and Christmas Jumper Day/Open Afternoon –were a great success.
- Year 11 pupils successfully completed Mock Exams in October – demonstrating excellent focus and resilience.
- A group of our pupils worked with a team from the St Giles' Trust – exploring the dangers and risk associated with gang culture and county lines.
- Another group of pupils have engaged in our alternative provision at Bedales and we supported them in their Open Day during which some of proceeds raised were donated towards a fund to build The Key an outdoor pizza oven!
- Having successfully raised 3 very healthy and slightly terrifyingly huge chickens, we made the difficult decision to return them to Bedales where they are now living a free range lifestyle in the fields of Petersfield.

*Respect \* Resilience \* Aspiration*

- This term we have put on a Community Open Morning and two Parent Forums to provide opportunities for parents and members of the wider community to gain an understanding of what we do at The Key and develop our relationships with parents/the community.
- Miss Woods and the school football team have played in a number of matches this term – we look forward to seeing them play in the New Year!
- Pupils have stayed afterschool for Fitness Club and other activities.
- Throughout November, Mr Stanton ran 105 miles to raise money in memory of his friend Naomi. Over £1000 was raised and it will be used to share Christmas cheer with our neighbours at Woodcot Primary School and provide the pupils at The Key with Christmas celebrations to remember!

#### **Changes and information for Spring Term 2020 that you need to be aware of:**

- Mrs Gemma Allen has left the centre and we wish her all the best for the future.
- We welcome two additions to our LSA team – Mr George Fitzpatrick and Mrs Julie D’Arcy
- Science provision will be led by Mr Tom King
- Our first day back is Monday 6 January 2020
- School uniform standards and procedures will continue.

#### **Our School priorities this coming academic year are as follows:**

- Ensuring consistently excellent learning and progress for all pupils
- Improving attendance across the school
- Further developing our approach to behaviours within the school in line with trauma informed practice

Thank you for continuing to work with us all to get the best outcomes for your children. We are incredibly grateful for the positive interactions we have with parents and carers and we will continue to be committed to developing and improving our school in line with your feedback.

On behalf of all the staff at The Key, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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