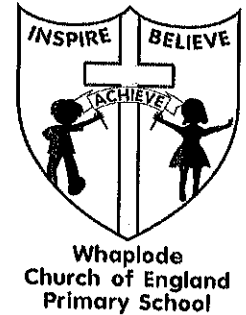


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But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded ~ 2 Chronicles 15:7

17th December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I think it is safe to say that 2020 has been a very strange year for us all. None of us could have possibly imagined what we would be facing when we celebrated the start of the New Year in January. The thought of our school not being filled with 190 children from March until September was an impossible thought at that time, but sadly it came to fruition.

It is very easy to dwell on the challenges this year has brought us all, either individually or as a school community, but I wanted to share with you an amazing positive from this year- your children. Throughout all of this, your children have been amazing! Whether they were learning alongside you at home, or with us in school, they have shone. They have adapted to new ways of learning, they have challenged themselves to aim high in their work wherever they are, and they have continued to laugh and smile and have fun. As a school we are incredibly proud of them and we hope you are too.

None of this could have happened without the help of some very special people and I wanted to take this opportunity to recognise the efforts of our entire staff team. Admin staff, caretaking and site staff, lunch supervisors, teaching assistants and not forgetting our incredible teachers, have all gone above and beyond every single day to keep your children safe, looked after, educated and cared for during their time with us. They have shown such dedication and commitment to your children and I am sure I speak on everyone's behalf when I say a huge "thank you" to them all.

We are delighted to inform you that Baby Garner has arrived in time for Christmas! Barney Aiden Garner was delivered on Sunday afternoon weighing just under 8lbs. Mum and baby are now at home and preparing for his first Christmas.

As the term reaches an end, we will be saying our final farewell to Mr Ruck as he embarks on his new career. We cannot begin to express our gratitude to him for all he has done for us as a school over his time with us. In January we welcome Miss Denton as our Year 1 teacher for the remainder of Mrs Garner's maternity leave.

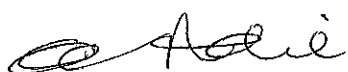


I can do all things through him who strengthens me ~ Philippians 4:13

And finally, on behalf of everyone here at Whaplode, can I take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. Your kind words and gestures have been appreciated more than ever.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your children, please continue to stay safe and we look forward to sharing a happier 2021 with you all, when it arrives.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Adie', with a decorative flourish at the beginning.

Mrs E Adie

Head of School