

Friday, 7th January 2011

Dear Parents of Camps Hill School,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I write this letter to you all as we begin 2011. Whilst this is not the start of an academic year, it is the beginning of a new and exciting episode in the life of your wonderful school.

I am delighted to have the opportunity to be Acting Head Teacher of Camps Hill School until the end of the Summer Term. Together with Mrs Hussain, the new Deputy Head Teacher, we feel privileged to work in such a lovely school. Having been here for just a few days, we already feel 'at home' thanks to the wonderful staff and children that we have had the pleasure of meeting in the last few days. Whilst we cannot claim to know everyone's name yet (and that is just the staff!), I can assure you that we are both aware of the great sense of community within the school and we look forward to becoming an integral part of that community in the days and weeks ahead.

The start of a new year is often seen as an opportunity for change and reflection, and whilst this is true, it is important to ensure that any changes made are based on deep and thoughtful consideration. With this in mind, I ask for your support and understanding as I, along with all the staff of Camps Hill, make decisions which will help to move your school forward and improve the educational experiences for the children in our care. I know that we have a very dedicated and enthusiastic staff at Camps Hill who are willing to 'go that extra mile' to ensure that your children enjoy an enriching and fulfilling learning journey which will equip them to become lifelong learners with a desire to achieve their maximum potential. Along with all of the staff, Mrs Hussain and myself will endeavour to make this a reality.

It goes without saying that I am absolutely thrilled to be a part of what promises to be an exceptionally exciting period in the life of Camps Hill School and I hope that during the coming weeks, I get to meet as many of you as possible at various events to gain parental insight into what is, in essence, your school.

Finally, may I extend my sincere gratitude to the most important people in any school...the children. They are...quite simply... delightful and are a credit to Camps Hill.

To conclude, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year, and in fact, I think I should add 'exciting' to that greeting too!

Yours sincerely,

Miss McFlynn
Acting Head Teacher

"Another fresh new year is here . . .
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest . . .
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

William Arthur Ward.