



22nd September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of our third full week and I am delighted to report that our new pupils have settled in really well. I am sure that this is because our pupils and staff have looked after them so well. I am also pleased to say that our pupils are really working hard and are engaged with their learning. I have dropped into Maths and English lessons over the last ten days and I am really impressed with the progress that is being made. I met with Kerron Allen, our Chair of Governors, on Wednesday afternoon to agree our agenda for our Governing Board Meeting on 11th October. He was able to update me on the Board's progress towards converting to academy status and joining the Ventrus MAT. I am hopeful that we will be able to complete these changes in a timely manner and that the transition from the Management Partnership will be as smooth and seamless as we have planned. I am in the process of updating our new website. If you have any feedback, it would be very welcome.

Unfortunately, Ange Stevens is not well and I'm not sure when she will be back. In her absence, Claire Earle will be in the office from 8.50am - 9.50 am to sort out the lunches and take in money etc. The Business Manager at CCC, Tracey Ward, and our Finance Assistant, Hazel Phillips, will be over-seeing the budget and invoicing etc. My PA, Suzanne Lobb, will assist me with general admin duties. If you have any queries, you can contact me via my email [amanda.farmer@cullomptoncollege.org](mailto:amanda.farmer@cullomptoncollege.org), via my mobile 07789274801 or via the CCC office 01884 33364. I am sure that these temporary arrangements will ensure the effective running of the school.

Our school Harvest Festival will be held at St Andrew's Church, Clyst Hydon on Friday October 13th at 9.15 a.m. Please join us if you can as the children will be sharing the message of Harvest through songs, poems and stories. After the service you are very welcome to join us back at school for seasonal refreshments. As per tradition, children are invited to bring in a decorated box containing donations for the 'People Matter' food bank in Cullompton. This year the food bank is urgently currently needing tinned meat, tinned vegetables (particularly sweetcorn), jars of pasta sauce, jars of coffee and toiletry items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and shampoo. Stocks of baked beans, soup and pasta are very high so please avoid these, thank you.

As you are aware we have several peripatetic teachers at Clyst Hydon. Steve Down teaches guitar and ukulele. Josh Westrip teaches brass and runs our school orchestra. Jo Arnason has taken over the woodwind teaching from Graham Pearson and also teaches recorder. If any children would like to learn a musical instrument, please see Mrs Howard. Steve Down will be taking paternity leave for the next three weeks and he will be covered by Mark Knight, who also works for Music Devon. Steve and Mark have already shared information about the pupils and Steve has left music for pupils to be working on.

I showed some potential new parents around the school this week and they were very impressed by your children and the ethos and culture of the school. It was an absolute privilege to take these compliments as I truly believe that Clyst Hydon is an exceptional school.

Have a great weekend,

Amanda Farmer  
Headteacher