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Dear parents and carers.

I hope this end of half term letter finds you and your family well. It feels like an age since we all assembled on 6th September for the first day of the new school year. So much has happened in that time - within school and also in the outside world.

From a school perspective we have welcomed our new Snowy Owls and Tawny Owls children (*I hope they have enjoyed their first half-term!*) and we have seen the whole school working incredibly hard on all manner of exciting topics – hopefully enjoying themselves, as much as we have enjoyed teaching them.



After the pandemic I think we all hoped that things would calm down a bit in the wider world, but this half term has seen so much happen; not least the Ukraine War continuing to cause concern, all sorts of political chaos and, of course, the death of the Queen. For the children (as for us all) aspects of these events can be very worrying and we know we have a huge responsibility at school to help make their time with us as reassuring and happy as possible.

Children are ever curious, and they do ask questions - so we do have to address such issues from time to time, but always, I hope, in an age appropriate and sensitive way.

This term also has seen the retirement of Mr Michael Ray. Michael joined us 4 years ago, having previously been a deputy-head of a large London Primary. Over the years he has taught many Scarning children and will be fondly remembered for his good humour and empathy. He has also been the time-keeper of the staff's '*how much of the year has gone?*' clock. So, in honour of Michael, I can report that, as of today, we have completed **18%** of the school year. All the very best for your retirement Michael!

Best wishes

Nick King, Headteacher



