



Dear Parents & Carers,

I can't believe that the end of term is here. As I have been hearing about many of our Year 6's memories, it made me think of the memories our whole-school have shared this academic year. As well as all of the successes in our curriculum and learning, we have enjoyed Art Weeks; Design Technology Days; whole-school visits to Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Foxglove Covert and Saltburn-by-the Sea; special visitors to school; lots of skipping; a makeover to Robin Class; sport; residential to Carlton Lodge and fantastic performances at Harvest, Christmas and the summer – not forgetting our Easter Labyrinth. It has truly been a wonderful year for the pupils; and I'm pleased to say we have big plans for next year to continue the brilliant journey we have been on.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the fantastic team of staff in school. I cannot say enough times what a brilliantly committed team they are. Not only have they worked hard on all of the above, but, 'behind the scenes' they have been responsible for overhauling our curriculum offer and worked hard to get it to the high standard it is now.

Thank you also to you, the parents and carers, for your continued support throughout the year. On behalf of all the staff, we wish you a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

Sam Donaldson
Headteacher

Goodbye & Good Luck

As it is the end of term we do, unfortunately, have to say some goodbyes. Firstly, to Mrs. Wheeler (who will be returning to do Forest School) and Miss. Jones (who comes to the end of her CACHE placement) and who have both been incredibly valued members of our team. Finally, to Mrs. Shanley who I know has made a massive impact on so many pupils and will continue to do so in her promoted role at Michael Syddall CofE School.

We also say goodbye to some people today, but wish them lots of luck for their futures. In Reception we say goodbye to Seb and Penelope; in Y1 to Jude; in Y2 to Felicity and Olivia.

Not forgetting our brilliant bunch of Year 6 children who begin their secondary school education in September: Ellie, Noah, Jackson, Bruce, Leo, Ned, Thomas, Joshua and Samuel.

Governors' Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell and good luck to Mrs Shanley and Mrs Wheeler. Mrs Shanley has been at the school for a number of years and has proven very popular with so many of our pupils. Both will be much missed.

We also say a sad farewell to our year 6 pupils as they excitedly prepare for secondary education. It was a lovely touch of the PTFA to buy all the year 6 pupils a special Hunton and Arrathorne leaver's hoody to mark this big moment.

I wish our leavers all the very best for their next steps!

We are learning to live with Covid-19 but it has certainly made its mark again this year. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Donaldson and his team for their great commitment throughout this tricky year. In particular, very well done to all the new staff who have settled so well and given so much to the children in their care.

On behalf of the full governing body, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Patrick Barber
Chair of Governors

Autumn Term

The Autumn term begins on Tuesday 6th September for children – we look forward to seeing you then!