



***The final term*** What a fun filled, action-packed half term we have had to top off a brilliant year in school. The children and staff have all worked so hard and we have got lots to feel proud of. Foundation Stage outcomes are even better than last year's great results. Key Stage one have maintained their good outcomes and Key Stage 2 outcomes are up from last year. We have also had a fantastic OFSTED inspection outcome this academic year. As important as the school attainment data is, we feel proud that the children in school have had some fantastic, engaging learning opportunities and they are happy, safe and cherished by all in school. Next year we can continue to build on the lovely year we have had this year as we look forward to the future in school.



### ***What have we been up to this half term?***

***Sports Day*** We all had a great sports day and the children really enjoyed their running and obstacle races. It was also great to see so many parents joining us for the morning and then staying to have their picnic lunch with us. The whole morning seemed to run more smoothly without the complications of the ice cream van. I do think we could, however, set up a stall to sell cold refreshments to parents and stick with having the sports in the morning then children are not sat out at the hottest part of the day.

***Summer Fair*** Thank you to all who attended, contributed and helped out at our summer fair. It was a lovely couple of hours with everyone having lots of fun. We raised approximately £800 for school which will be used to buy new resources for children. The Year 6 children also raised over £100 towards their end of year celebration. This year the children decided they wanted a trip to the Chinese Buffett so last Thursday that is exactly what the children, many of the staff team and myself did, we all had a great evening together.



***Robinwood Residential*** Year 5 and 6 have been on a residential visit to Robinwood. The children had the opportunity to go caving, climbing, zip wire, canoeing and took part in many more activities. They all gave 100% to the activities and I am proud to say that the instructors and staff all praised the fantastic behaviour and attitude of our children, well done, Year 5 and 6!



***Priorities for the future*** Every year as a school we decide what our development priorities are for the next academic year based on attainment and progress data as well as developments from OFSTED etc. Next academic year our priorities will be to continue developing a real culture for reading in school, continue to develop reasoning and problem solving in maths, continue to challenge all children no matter what ability and also to develop independence and resilience in children.



**Attendance Prize** Attendance is extremely important to us and we aim each year to have an overall attendance percentage of 96% or above. At the end of the year we enter children who have attended 100% of the time and 100% of the term into a prize draw for an iPad type tablet and a gift card. The winners this term are Lucas and Harry. Great attendance you two, a great example to everyone.

**Goodbyes and Hellos** As often happens when we go into a new academic year there are goodbyes and hellos to be said. The first goodbye will be to Reverend Wayne who has been our school Chaplain for 7 years. He has been an enormous support to the school through good times and some difficult times and he has always been available to speak too, listen to, support and make children and staff smile and laugh when needed. He will be hugely missed by all, but we wish him all the luck in the world in his new churches in Devon.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Wright McCormick who has been covering Miss McMullan's maternity leave, again, we have loved having her as part of the school team and wish her well in the future. In September we will be welcoming Mrs Clark (another Mrs Clark!) to the staff team, she will be working in Year 5 on a job share basis with Miss McMullan who has returned from her maternity leave.



### **Well done Yorkshire Young**

**Mudders** As a school community we are so proud of all the children who took part in the gruelling Yorkshire Young Mudders race to raise money for Blake's charity, they have raised approximately £2000 which is brilliant. Amazingly a hedgehog appeared on the course during the day. As if proof were needed that he is still with us!



**Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6** I just want to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of our year six children who are leaving to go to high school. They are a great bunch who will succeed wherever they go. We have had a fantastic few weeks with production and prom. We will miss them all and hope they don't forget Wakefield Methodist School.

**Indoor Shoes** In order to maximise learning time and reduce wasted time changing shoes indoor shoes will no longer be required from September.

### **Dates to Remember!**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – School Closed INSET

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – School opens for children.

**And finally...** I hope you all have a summer break in the sunshine and return fit and well ready for the beginning of a new academic year.

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