**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 remain above national expectations. Key Stage 1 have improved on their great outcomes last year and Key Stage 2 outcomes are up from last 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.



#### Foundation Stage Seaside Day Magic Show

### 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 their picnic lunch before the races began. Our sporting efforts are really paying off as we have achieved our school games gold award too.

**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 £1000 for school which will be used to buy new resources for children. The Year 6 children also raised over £200 towards their end of year celebration. This year the children decided they wanted a trip to the Chinese Buffett again 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,

# Park Visit, Inspire and

**Seaside Day** As well as Year 6 many other year groups have been doing some exciting things this term, Year 2 have visited the park with Mr Parkinson, Year 1 and 2 have visited Fairburn Ings, Year 1,2 and 3 have had inspire sessions and Foundation Stage have had a fantastic seaside day.





**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 Lilac and Theo. 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 Mrs Spindler who has worked in school for many years. We wish her a very happy retirement, however, she will be greatly missed by children and staff. Mrs Spindler always has a smile on her face, cares deeply about the well-being of children as well as their academic progress and she has made a big difference to the lives of hundreds of children. We wish her all the very best for the future with her family. We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Sharp who has been covering in Foundation Stage since January, we have loved having her as part of the school team and wish her well in the future. I am also sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs Harris back into school as she has returned from her maternity leave.





**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.

#### **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 we will still continue to focus on developing a real culture for reading in school. We will also continue to develop reasoning and problem solving in maths particularly focusing on greater depth standard. We will also develop independence and resilience through a focus on and development of the wider curriculum.



## Dates to Remember!

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – School Closed INSET Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – School opens for children. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – School Closed INSET



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

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