



Whitley & Eggborough Community Primary School

Caring, Helping and Sharing



Friday 20th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of a long but successful half term I would just like to say a few words of praise and thanks. I would like to congratulate the children on a very successful 15 weeks of hard work and fun. We have seen some excellent results over the term and have enjoyed a range of different activities, including sporting events, singing, Assemblies / Nativity Plays, elections woodland activities and of course the usual build up to Christmas! These are in addition to the ongoing learning that takes place week in week out. For all of this, I would also like to thank our hard working and committed team of staff who have yet again excelled in providing fun and thoughtful activities across the term.

I am delighted to announce that we raised a grand total of £143 for the Children's Society at our recent Christingle Assemblies. Father Mike will kindly send the donations to the Children's Society following the village Carol Service.

As we start the new term in January 2020 we will however be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Virden who has been with us for two days a week in Maple Class since September. We would like to thank her hard work with the children and wish her all the best in her next venture.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Lightowler, who will be joining us full time in January 2020 and will be working in Maple Class for two days and in Acorn Class for one day as Miss Hardy drops to four days a week for the remainder of this Academic year. For the remainder of the week Mrs Lightowler will be supporting the teachers and children in Maple, Oak and Sycamore Classes.

I would also like to reiterate the appreciation of the PTA in the letter sent by Mrs Steward. The PTA support the school in a variety of ways by providing fun events for both parents and children over the year as well as raising well needed funds to provide the children with additional resources and activities throughout the year. It would be a huge shame for this



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support to cease due to a lack of volunteers – please do consider what you can do to help out. I am sure they will be holding a meeting in January 2020 to discuss future events and it would be great to see more of you at the meeting to offer you support.

For your information Clubs Night lists will be going out by the end of term and we will keep the choices open until the Friday after the start of term. Clubs Night will be open to children in Acorns as well after the holidays. **The first night will be Tuesday 14th January 2020.**

Young Voices 2020 is taking place on Wednesday 8th January 2020. All tickets have been sent home by now and we are now in receipt of all the T shirts and these will be sent home on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

In January 2020 we will be continuing to provide the buddy support system of the Year 6 children and we would encourage our younger members of the school, in Acorn and Elm Class to use this service to help develop independence by walking around with one of the buddies.

I would like to ask that parents across all years drop at the gate and let the children walk around to their classes. Teachers and TA's are responsible for the children from 8:40am and therefore not available to meet with parents. They are happy to make arrangements to discuss any concerns after school. Messages can be left at the gate with the members of staff. This will enable traffic to flow more easily as there should be less cars parked up. I would also appreciate if people would not block the farm entrance on a morning or evening as this is preventing continuous access for our neighbour and any emergency vehicles that may need to enter.

In the meantime I would like to wish you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas Holiday. We will look forward to seeing you and your children back on **Tuesday 7th January 2020** at 8:40am as the gates open ready for the Spring Term.

Best Wishes

Miss Langridge



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