

ST PETER'S BRAFFERTON CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

What a wet start to February! However, it is lovely to see signs of spring appearing as the bulbs are just peeping through and the mornings and evenings become just a little lighter.

Year 5/6 Dodgeball

Congratulations to our dodgeball team! They received bronze medals for coming third in the cluster sports tournament and looked very professional in our newly purchased sports kit. We are now looking forward to our next competition on Monday after school - High 5 Netball. Good luck to our players!

Good News!

We are delighted to be able to share the good news that school has been successful in a bid to the Big Lottery Fund. More details to follow shortly.

Class 3 trip

Year 4, 5 and 6 will be visiting the York Chocolate Story as part of their Mayan topic on Monday 27th February (first day back after half term). They will be taking part in a Mayan workshop and tour of the museum.

Parents' evenings

The spring term parents' evenings are next week, on Tuesday 7th February and Thursday 9th February. Please contact the class teacher if you have not yet made an appointment.

Staffing Updates

As you know we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Shannon on Friday. She will be missed in school hugely but we do wish her well with her new adventures. Thank you, Mrs Shannon for all you have done in school! Good luck with your new venture!

As part of a review of staffing in school, roles of support staff have been reviewed and as promised in the last newsletter, I am now in a position to provide an update to parents. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Teresa Lott to school. Mrs Lott will be working as a teaching assistant in Early Years, commencing Monday 6th February. She has worked in a number of

settings and brings a wealth of specialist Early Years' experience. Mrs Lott has been in to school this week to meet the children and staff and start to get to know the routines.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Andrea Holmes back to school. Mrs Holmes has missed school very much and is looking forward to returning on 10th February. (She is hoping to spend some time in school on Friday so you may be able to say hello.) Mrs Holmes will be covering breakfast club and two after-school sessions as well as working in school as a teaching assistant supporting in Class 2 and delivering extra interventions in the afternoons.

From next week, Mr Wilson who has been supporting in Early Years will now provide additional support in Class 3 each morning, as well as continuing in Early Years during the afternoon. Mrs Jarvis' timetable remains the same.

I appreciate that there are a lot of changes at present but the increased level of support staff will have a significant impact, not only on the support your children receive in their teaching and learning but also in the level of care and support provided at lunchtime. If you have any questions, please do contact me at school.

Parent Questionnaires

St Peter's School is proud of its record for providing high quality education. Although I have only been in school a short time, I have been very impressed by the welcoming, caring atmosphere and the friendliness of all the children. They are keen to talk about their learning and clearly enjoy the extra-curricular activities, as well as the music and sport opportunities.

No school can be afforded to be complacent and in my executive head teacher role at St Peter's, I am currently reviewing and evaluating practice and provision in key areas of the school

The views of parents, carers and children are most important in this process and I would be grateful if you could take a short time to complete the attached questionnaire about the school. All replies are strictly confidential but if you would like me to contact you to discuss a particular matter, please do add your name to your sheet. Replies can be returned to the school office or posted in the box in the front of school.

I would be grateful if completed questionnaires could be returned to school by Friday 17th February.

Please remember, in addition to the paper based questionnaire I send out directly from school, you can give your opinion of your child's school through Parent View at any time during the school year.

If you wish to complete the Parent View survey in addition to the school questionnaire you can view it at: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>, you simply need an email address and a password to register. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to choose answers to 12 short questions about the school, such as how well the school deals with bullying, the quality of teaching, whether the level of homework given to your child is appropriate, and whether you would recommend the school to other parents.

Once I have collated the responses, I will share the information with parents through a newsletter and also through a Parents' Forum.

In the meantime, if you do have any queries, comments or wish to speak to me, please do get in touch through the school office. I appreciate I am not available everyday but can assure you that I do pick up any messages on a daily basis. I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet many of you at the forthcoming Parents' Evenings.

School Routines

Please can I remind parents that the school doors open at 8:50am and children should be in school ready to start their learning promptly at 9:00am. It is important that we make a prompt start.

I have been updating the school medicine policy this week in line with DfE guidance. If your child requires prescription medicine during the day ie medicine that is prescribed to be taken 4 or more times a day, please can you make sure it is handed in to the office and you sign a consent form authorising staff to administer the medicine? In line with DfE guidance and on health and safety grounds, school is only able to administer prescription medicines.

Finally, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

S M Brooks, Head Teacher