

ST PETER'S BRAFFERTON C of E (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL



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St Peter's is a warm, caring and inclusive school where everyone feels valued and can grow in confidence and faith. In this supportive community, children are encouraged to develop enquiring minds, a lifelong love of learning and a respect for other people and cultures. We are led by our core Christian Values of Community, Compassion, Truth, Trust, Friendship and Endurance

Be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble 1 Peter 3:8

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another academic year here at St Peter's and what a year it has been for all of us! It certainly has been a time of great challenge and change. However, staff, parents, governors and children have successfully overcome everything that has been thrown our way and it is with great pride that the governors would like to thank every one of you. The staff and parent's commitment, teamwork, belief in our wonderful village school and successfully keeping everyone safe during this pandemic has to be commended. Well done to everyone!

This year certainly has been a strange one, no SATs were set, restrictions have had to be made and the usual educational visits from school have sadly had to be cancelled. However, it is the Staff and governor's priority to keep everyone in our school community safe, and above all ensure that our children continue to succeed. The children have also had to take on new ways of learning and combined with this, the staff at St Peter's have ensured though catchup teaching and learning and rigorous teacher assessment resulted in personal targets being met during our children's learning journeys.

Helperbees have had another hugely successful and busy year. Mrs Holmes and her team have continued to provide an exciting and stimulating provision for all our preschool children and we have welcomed new staff members. I know that they are really looking forward to another great year ahead. A truly big thank you from myself and the rest of the Board to the Helperbees team.

Again, the PTA and its friends have also had another successful year. Even during a world crisis, they have soldiered on and sustained their energy and commitment to our school and the fund raising has continued. The Board would like to say another big thank you to the members and all those who have helped them. You truly make a great difference to our children and our school.

Even though our school has had to change and adapt to meet the challenges of this current pandemic, what has not changed is that we have another set of year 6 leavers that we have had to say goodbye to. Sadly, East Barnby could not go ahead this year for class 3. However, Mrs Anderson and her team planned and successfully delivered a fantastic week of team building and exciting out of school activities for not only year 6, but for year

5 also. The children have loved every minute of them and take away with them special memories of a very special school! Thank you to Mrs Anderson and her team.

We are very proud of every single one of our year 6s and we take great pride in seeing what resilient and integral year 7s they have become. We have watched them learn and grow and they are now ready to move on to the next stage of their life: to make new friends, develop their knowledge and learn even more life skills. We send our best wishes to them all for their futures. We also say goodbye to them, but please come back and see us from time to time!

Very sadly we also have to say goodbye to our wonderful Mr Wilson and Mrs Wilkinson. They will be greatly missed by us all and we thank them also for what they have done for our children and our school. The governors would like to send our very best wishes to them both.

As the new year of 2021-2022 approaches, we are filled with great excitement! Mrs Anderson and her team have been hard at work planning a new and exciting curriculum, new staff members have joined the team, there is to be new class structures, and in partnership with the Board, we have been planning out newly formulated strategic priorities. I have to tell you all, exciting times are ahead! and I would like all parents and carers to know that Mrs Anderson's and the team's shared vision of a school, who values and works in partnership with parents to bring out the best in our children, is now becoming a reality, watch this space!.....great things are yet to come at St Peter's!

Finally, the Board and I would like to wish you and your families a relaxing, safe and sun filled summer. We look forward to welcoming you all back in school on Tuesday 7th September 2021.

Look after each other, stay, safe, healthy and happy

Best wishes,
Shirley Sowray,
Chair of Governors

