



Governor News

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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,

As we are nearing the end of our Autumn term at St Peter's, the staff and Governors would like to say how pleased we are with our children on how they have quickly settled into their studying in this new school year and how enthusiastic and motivated they are about this term's learning. Mrs Williams and the teaching staff have worked hard on reviewing and redesigning the school's curriculum and it has certainly resulted in a rich and exciting mixture of subjects that meets the needs of all our pupils and helps them reach their full potential.

With Christmas soon upon us, there are lots of extra-curricular learning activities planned for our children: the Christmas Panto visit at school, organised and funded by our fantastic PTA and helpers, the Christingle Service at St Peter's Church, an amazing Nativity play from Class 1 and not forgetting to mention our Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena involving Class 3 in early January. By then a third of the school year will have passedtime certainly flies by when our learning is fun !

Equally, the Governors have been very busy working closely with Mrs Williams in finalising the coming year's school budget and have also been setting up this year's strategic monitoring plan to enable the Governors to contribute positively to the school's development priorities, This will not only ensure that our children have the highest quality of teaching and learning, but will also maintain effective governance in our school.

Priorities for the Governing Body for the Spring/Summer Terms 2019

- The monitoring of Collective Worship
- Monitoring cross-curricular writing across the school, especially in RE
- Contributing positively to the strategic Early Years Plan and helping to ensure that our new Preschool is providing the highest quality service
- Monitoring the positive impacts of the school action plans on our pupils' learning and progress

The Governors at St Peter's would also like to welcome our new member of the Board Claire Dwyer. Claire was elected by the parents of St Peters for the position Parent Governor and will focus her governing role on the Early Years. We are very much looking forward to working with Claire and having her on our team ! And talking about the Early Years provision at our school, I would also like to thank and congratulate Mrs Williams and her team, especially **Mrs Holmes** on their fantastic achievement on setting up our fabulous Preschool, providing our village and surrounding communities with a superb Early Years provision ! The word has spread very quickly about how highly the parents regard **Helperbees** and we are thrilled to report that we now have 18 children attending our Preschool. We can safely saythis has been a huge success ! Please do pass on our school contact details if you hear of any more interested parents. There is lots of information on our school website.

<http://www.st-peters-brafferton.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

Finally, myself and the rest of the Governors would like to wish all the children and parents of St Peters a very Merry Christmas to you all and your families and may you all have a happy and healthy 2019.

Best Wishes

Shirley Sowray

Chair of Governors



