



## **Governor News**

**December 2019 Issue**

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,

Well here we are again, yet another Christmas holiday is upon us and what a fantastic start to a new school year. Our new Preschool and reception children have settled into their learning and play very well and we are thrilled by the prospect of watching them grow and develop over the next year.

As usual, at this busy time of the year, Mrs Williams and the team have been expertly implementing a broad based curriculum that is designed to inspire enthusiasm for learning, to ensure achievement and to support the well-being and above all happiness, resilience and independence of our children. This cross curricular approach will enable all our children to make meaningful links with their learning and play through their unique experiences at our fabulous school. All children are making good progress towards their targets. Parents have the learning logs that went home at the beginning of the term and will be able to check progress against these as they are updated in the new year.

During this term, there have been lots of extracurricular learning activities that have been provided by our teachers, and also by our energetic and highly committed PTA. The Christmas Fair was a superb example of this of which I have to say was a great success. Santa's Grotto was brilliant as were the craft areas and the ever popular Elfridges! The PTA also very kindly funded a Christmas Pantomime that visited the school again this December and the Governors want to express our sincere thanks to this committee and all those parents and carers that so kindly give up their time and energy in supporting our school. The money raised this year is being put towards our own on-site forest school.

Congratulations must be given to Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Laity and all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on a fantastic performance of Prickly Hay. The cast performed with confidence and really seemed to be enjoying their chance to show off to the rest of the school, parents and friends. They knew the words and moves for so many songs and even managed to bring some humour to the stage.

Christmas is not Christmas at St Peters, without our wonderful Christingle service. This will take place on the last day of this Autumn term, Friday 20th December at 2pm at St Peter's Church - everyone is welcome! This heart-warming event provides us all with a chance to reflect on the true

meaning of Christmas and what we value so much in our school and in our children. I hope to see you all there!

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to express our warm welcome to Debbie Coyne, the new Vicar for Brafferton. She has already been visiting the school, taking some assemblies, and getting to know the children, and we look forward to building this relationship as the year goes on. After the terrible theft of some of the lead roof from the church last month, we are proud that our students were so keen to help and spent an afternoon working to dry out the church and collecting items that could be dried in the school.

The Governors at St Peter 's would also like to express a warm welcome to our newly elected parent Governor Stephen Baker. We look forward to working with him and he will have a link role in monitoring Sports Premium funding and sport within our school.

### Priorities for the Governing Body for the Spring 2020 Term

1. The monitoring of the further implementation of RSE and Global Education to ensure pupil independence and resilience in learning and play
2. The monitoring of progress to ensure that pupils are on track to meet their developmental and educational targets.

Finally, myself and the rest of the Governors would like to wish all the children, parents and families of St Peters a very Merry Christmas and may you all have a happy, healthy and successful 2020.  
Best Wishes

Shirley Sowray  
Chair of Governors



