

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



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,

It is very hard to believe that this is the end of another school year! We welcomed our 6 reception children into the school last September and it has been a joy to watch them learn and grow into a fantastic future year 1 cohort. Equally, it is with great excitement that Mrs Williams informs us that, this year we are expecting 13 children into our reception class.

Helperbees have had a brilliant year this year. Mrs Holmes and all her very able team have excelled themselves in providing a high level and effective pre-school provision for the 24 children that are registered there. They, along with class 1, have enjoyed our refurbished outside area and the improvement of this external environment has provided the children lower in the school excellent opportunities to explore, play and learn.

Sadly the Governors, along with the teaching staff have to say goodbye to Mr Joy at the end of this term. Mr Joy joined us 2 years ago as a Newly Qualified Teacher and during this time he has combined a nurturing approach with setting high expectations where his support, ideas and enthusiasm have enabled the pupils in class 2 to grow and learn to the best of their ability. We express our sincere thanks for what he has done for the school and for those lives he has touched and we will miss him. We wish him continued success in his new job in a school much closer to his family and his home. Stepping into Mr Joys shoes is who brings with her vast amount of experience in primary school teaching. will be teaching class 2 from September 2019.

We would also like to say a very big thank you to David Whapples who leaves the Governing body this July. He has given 11 years of his time and expertise to the Governing Board, including a stint as vice-chair and chair, and we wish him and his family well.

At this time of year it is always sad to say goodbye to our year 6 leavers. However, we are so very proud of what they have achieved over the past 7 years at St Peter's and even more proud of them because they have grown and become 11 mature and well-rounded individuals. We wish them great success in their future learning, and we hope that they too are proud of what they have achieved in terms of their learning and in their resilience, which will guide them through the next stage of their life journeys. We really do hope they come back and visit us at St Peter's regularly.

Continuing with success, we would like to congratulate all the year 2 pupils and year 6 pupils on sitting their SATs in May this year. We do not have the SATs results at this present time, but we want to reiterate that, as long as they all tried their hardest and did their best, then we are proud of them all.

The governors and the school would also like to say a **VERY BIG** thank you to the PTA and all who help them to raise funds for our fantastic school. They have worked so hard, organising events throughout the year on purely a voluntary basis and they give so much of their time and commitment to the school. We would also like to thank all parents and their families who support them in their fund-raising events. They have raised an incredible £5000 for new laptop computers for our pupils to extend their learning in IT. I also feel that I must mention the huge success of the Brafferton's Got Talent fund raising evening which was held at school in June. It was a superb example of our fabulous school and our equally fabulous village coming together and celebrating our children's talent. We even got to see some adults from the Village perform at this event and I must not forget to mention the star appearances of Amanda Holden and Simon Cowell!!!

So, as the end of the school year passes us, myself, along with the rest of the Board of Governors would like to say **WELL DONE** to all our children on their achievements this year and we hope you, and your families have a sun filled relaxing summer. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on Tuesday 2nd September.

Shirley Sowray,
Chair of Governors

