

Governor News

Small School, big heart!



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Here we are again at the end of another academic year at St Peter's, time flies when you're having fun! It is with bursting pride that the Governors would like to congratulate all the children and parents for all their hard work and commitment over this year, and for their great support of our wonderful village school. This school year has been yet another challenging one, as Mrs Anderson and her teaching team worked effortlessly in supporting children with catching up on their missed learning and as always, the children rose to the challenge and quickly settled back into school life.

SATS have returned this year after being suspended for the last few years due to the pandemic and I have to say, the Governing Body are very much joined with the teaching staff at St Peter's in congratulating all our children, in another successful year. I am positive that our results will reflect all their hard work and resilience.

As SATS time of the year is with us again, I am sorry to say that this always means saying a sad, but very proud, goodbye to our fabulous year 6s, how they have grown into very special individuals, who are ready to take on the next part of their learning journeys. We wish them the very best success and continued happiness, and we are certain that they will make new and exciting friendships in their high schools, we really hope they remember to come back and visit us from time to time.

It certainly has been another great year at St Peter's! Mrs Anderson and her team have, as always, gone above and beyond to ensure that all the children have had an exciting and richly rewarding curriculum. The extra-curricular experiences have been superb, from Panto visits, Pumpkin picking at the Spilmans, an amazing Jubilee celebration, that included our supportive village community, a year 6 camp out and even Helperbees had a trip out this year! Then we come to our leavers play 'Oliver', the Governors and I are completely blown over with the talent and confidence of our children, super proud, is an understatement! "Can we have some more please sir!"

As always, the PTA and friends have excelled themselves in supporting our children and wonderful village school. Their fund raising, precious time, energy and commitment to our school is absolutely second to none! The Governors would like to thank everyone of them, with a special mention to helping support school events especially the whole school BBQ, which was a massive success, of which all the school community are still talking about! THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING PTA!

The Governors and I have continued to be busy throughout the year, supporting Mrs Anderson in achieving the school's strategic objectives, we have had a new school website, a revised school vision and equally as important, we have a teaching team that is going from strength to strength. Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Sutcliffe as she joins another school in September. The board would like to thank her for all her hard work, and we wish her continued success in her new school, they are very lucky to have such committed teacher join their team. We also say goodbye to the lovely Jenny in Preschool, we are also very sorry to see her go, but again we wish her nothing but the best in her future job, they too are very lucky have her join them! Another sad

goodbye is to Tim Shearman, our amazing Health and Safety Governor. He has given so much of his time to the Governing Body over the past few years, his expertise and support has been invaluable to myself and the board. Thank you Tim. However, the great news is that a new Governor is joining us, who will take over the Health and Safety link role and the Board would like to give a very warm welcome to Geoff Arnott. He brings with him a wealth of expertise and experience and we look forward to working with him.

Finally, we just want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Anderson. She has lead her team expertly through yet another successful school year. As well as this, she has successfully passed her National Professional Qualification for Headship with a super result and we are so proud of the school that her and the team have helped to evolve into.....I am certain there are greater things to come for St Peter's Brafferton!

Myself and the rest of the Governing Body would like to wish you, your children and your families all a very happy, exciting and sunny summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back, along with our new starters into school, on Tuesday 6th September 2022.

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