



SETTLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL - GOVERNOR NEWS

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you for the positive response received for our new Governor News Newsletter. We hope that this new communication will raise awareness of current issues and developments affecting your child and the school. We will try to keep the newsletter succinct and topical.

School Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed the recent School Survey that was sent out on Friday 23/11/2018. All feedback is much appreciated and in the coming weeks we will let parents know some of the key findings from the survey.

Settle Lights and Settle Fair

A big thank you to all the staff and parents who gave up time and helped to run or support our Christmas Fair on Friday and the Settle Lights Children's performance on Saturday. We have a vibrant, strong community and it is lovely to have everyone join together to support the school and its children.

Social Media

Please be wary of school social media sites/parent groups that claim to speak on behalf of the school. This is becoming an increasing problem in UK schools. At Settle CE Primary School we prefer to do things the old fashioned way and if you have a concern, question or query then first raise it with the class teacher first and then if not happy raise it with the Head Teacher. Our staff are filled with good people and they will honestly try do their best to help you. At times they may, in representing the child or other children's interest have a view different to yours. If so don't moan about it on Facebook but respect their professionalism. Be wary of what you read and please share with the school if you believe that our reputation is being unfairly represented and we will follow it up (publicly and legally if we think it appropriate). Refrain from an open debate on social media where the school is not in a position to put its own view across and be wary of those who use social media to criticise their child's school (whether it be our school or other local schools). At Settle Primary School our parents have traditionally been brilliant at supporting the School, but we must be vigilant and mindful that social media misrepresentation is sadly a growing problem in UK schools. We have an amazing hardworking team of staff working at a very popular and respected school. We will not tolerate any undermining of those who work so hard for our children.

Parent Pay

There has been a very positive response from parents regarding Parent Pay debts. It is generally accepted that Head Teacher and admin time should not be spent constantly having to chase up debts. The school has finite resources, which need to be directed to the teaching and learning of all pupils. Those few who are showing an unwillingness to settle their long standing debts or meet with the Head Teacher to discuss a payment plan will have their cases passed to the Local Authority Legal team at the end of this term and in these circumstances services will unfortunately have to be withdrawn. For the vast majority of parents a timely reminder is all it takes and payment quickly follows. However, we are sorry to say that for a small minority of families huge debts have been incurred with the intention of *deliberately not paying for services*. This is, as mentioned in the previous newsletter, is not acceptable. Please note that just like any other business, all services provided and received need to be paid for. To not pay for those services received means the school suffers and it takes away from the budget available to support all our children.

Dates

- Basketball @ Giggleswick Monday 10th December
- EYFS Nativity Tuesday 11th December & Wed 12th December
- Yr 1 & Yr 2 Nativity Tuesday 11th December & Wednesday 12th December
- Christmas Dinner is on Thursday 13th December
- Junior Christmas Party Tues 18th December
- EYFS / Infant party Wed 19th December
- Friday 21st December Christmas Church Service (2pm)

Michael Gudgeon

Chair of Governors