



## SETTLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL - GOVERNOR NEWS

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to a new newsletter for parents, sent to you on behalf of Settle CE Primary School Governing Body. The purpose of this newsletter is to share key information about the school and to raise awareness of current issues and developments affecting your child and the school. We will try to keep the newsletter brief and topical. We hope parents find it a useful means of communication that complements existing information found in class newsletters and emails and the school website and Facebook Page.

### School Survey

A school survey has been sent out to parents (Friday 23/11/2018) regarding school collaboration and we want to know parent views as to how things are working so far. Has there been much difference or very little? Any feedback is much appreciated. Please let the school office know if your survey has not been received. There have been no paper copies issues - electronic replies only. See Mr Wright if you require a paper copy.

### Parent Pay

Currently there are a number of families who have built up quite a substantial debt on Parent Pay. Letters requesting payment have been sent out to all who are owing. 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 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. All outstanding cases where there has been persistent failure to pay, will be passed on to the school bursar and the matter followed up by County Legal Team. If a family is struggling to pay a debt then they have a duty to contact the Headteacher and a payment plan can then be agreed.

### Morning routines and seeing your class teacher

Settle CE Primary School aims to be a warm and friendly school in which parents always feel welcome. Our morning routine begins when the school bell sounds off at 8.45am. At that point the gates and doors are open and some staff will go outside to welcome the parents and children into school while classes are supervised by the Class Teacher. Recently however the corridors and classrooms have become quite full as parents stop for a chat. Unfortunately this can sometimes be quite unsettling and registration has been delayed by parents wishing to stop and talk after the 9am bell sounds. Please note that this is the time for registration and for lessons to begin, so unless there is a pressing matter please don't stay beyond this time as it can be quite disruptive to the start of the day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Dates

- Badminton at Settle College on Wednesday 28th November (4-6pm)
- November Fair Friday 30th November
- Settle Light switch on Saturday 1st December - meet outside Car and Kitchen for 2.45pm
- 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

