



SETTLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL - GOVERNOR NEWS

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Dear Parent/Guardian

School Development Matters

We are delighted to report that our collaborative partnership with Kirkby Malham Primary School is going very well and that a Federated arrangement is looking like a very attractive way of moving forward for both schools. Settle Primary School is benefitting from having a deputy appointment in Miss Thompson and the financial arrangement of sharing Mr Wright as the Executive Head Teacher is allowing both schools the strategic advantages to develop and enhance provision to further improve teaching, learning and general school provision in a manner that would not otherwise be possible in today's financial climate. Due to the success of the collaborative arrangement the school is in good health both financially and in terms of the quality of education it is able to provide. However, the governing body do not envisage a return to single age classes operating throughout the whole school until September 2020 at the earliest.

Our expected class structure for September 2019 is as follows:

- **Nursery** - Mrs Wright
- **Reception** - Mrs Downham / Mrs Hopley
- **Class One (Year One)** - *New Appointment (Post to be advertised in the Spring)*
- **Class Two (Year Two)** - Miss Wright
- **Class Three (Year Three)** - Mrs Hulse
- **Class Four/Five (Year Four and Five)** - Mrs Drewery /Mrs Smith (*located in the current Class 3/4 rooms*)
- **Class Six (Year Six)** - Miss Thompson

If parents have any questions regarding this class structure then please make an appointment to speak to Mr Wright.

Absence Requests

We have traditionally upheld an impressive attendance rate at Settle CE Primary School and we obviously want this to continue. Where possible Mr Wright will always endeavour to use discretion when requests are made that warrant 'special circumstances'. However, holiday requests during term time should be avoided and will not be unauthorised unless there are special circumstances as determined by the Executive Head Teacher. Please note that absence requests require a special form to be completed and it is *only* Mr Wright who can provide consent and *not* the class teacher or admin office. Research shows that pupils achieve success in school when their attendance is high and that there is a notable adverse affect when attendance is poor or pupils miss school due to persistent lateness.

Diary Dates

Please see the school website and class teacher letters as to key dates affecting your child. The school website is kept up to date and if in doubt about an activity or event then phone the school office or pop in and speak to the class teacher. We have a very busy school with lots happening each week. The main source of information will be through teacher newsletters and updates. Those parents with children involved in a sporting activity will generally be notified directly through a specific letter at least a week in advance of an activity taking place. Starting this month we have introduced a new 'Settle News' paper organised by Miss Thompson and aimed at children and their families celebrating work and special events and activities taking place at the school.

Website and Facebook Page and seeing the class teacher in the morning

The school has a wealth of information about its provision on the website page and we also have a popular Facebook Page which celebrates achievement and events taking place in the school. If you specifically wish to learn more about the progress your child is making at school then please contact your child's class teacher directly and they will be happy to meet with you. The morning times from 8.45am-9.00am are for that reason. Feel free to make the most of this time for some 1-1 communication if it is needed, BUT please keep in mind that schools starts from 9.00am and teachers will want to get off to a prompt start, so it is not advisable for parents to linger unnecessarily after their child has been dropped off as it may delay the start to the day.

Best wishes

Michael Gudgeon
Chair of Governors