



SETTLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL - GOVERNOR NEWS

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all our parents and children. We hope that you have managed to have a relaxing and restful break. There is a wonderful buzz about the school at the moment with many exciting things happening and being planned for the year ahead. Please check your class teacher letters and communications for further information.

Introducing our new Nursery Teacher Mrs Wright

A warm welcome to Mrs Wright who will work in partnership with Mrs Jessop and the Early Years Team this month to oversee the leadership and teaching of our nursery class. Mrs Wright will work alongside Mrs Jessop and take over the role when Mrs Jessop leaves us at the February half term. It is fantastic that Mrs Jessop and Mrs Wright will be able to work together throughout the January and February period to ensure a very smooth transition process. We will greatly miss Mrs Jessop who has provided many years of outstanding service though we are also excited to welcome Mrs Wright, who is an experienced practitioner with proven expertise in Early Years and Key Stage One education. Mrs Wright has served as an authority Lead Teacher and is also a nationally recognised Master Teacher in Computing. She will share leadership of the Early Years Foundation Stage with Mrs Downham when she returns from Maternity Leave after Easter.

Settle Primary School gains more national recognition!

Settle Primary School have been recognised by the National Farmers Union (NFU) for its outstanding STEM work in Year One. Our school is one of only nine finalists from across the UK and has been asked to showcase its work at the House of Commons in London during British Science Week in March. This is an amazing achievement. Our school will also receive a fully funded farm visit as well as **£600** and a visit by the amazing 'Small Robot Company'. There were more than **1,000** entries and our school is the only school in the whole of Yorkshire to be recognised.

It is wonderful to have the school praised yet again for its cutting edge work in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). A massive well done to the pupils in Year 1 and to other pupils throughout the school who helped with the robot programming for this project. A big thank you also to the wonderful Miss Entwistle, Miss Wright, Mrs Woodrow and Mr Freytag who gave their expertise, hard work and enthusiasm. What a fabulous team we have! This success of course builds upon the Nationally recognised Rolls Royce Science Prize where we were one of six finalists and were awarded the Employers Choice Award 2018.

Parent Pay

Please keep these payments up to date. Court action is pursued via the Authority if debt is incurred and there has been no attempt to make payment or meet with the headteacher to establish a payment plan. To not pay for those services received is unfair on other families who do pay and it means the school suffers as it takes away from the budget available to support all our children.

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.

Website and Facebook Page

The school has a wealth of information about its provision on the website page which can be reached by clicking on the link settleprimary.org.uk We also have a popular Facebook Page which celebrates achievement and events taking place in the school. If you haven't done so already then take a look and let us know what you think!

Best wishes

Michael Gudgeon
Chair of Governors