



## SETTLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL - GOVERNOR NEWS

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### School Development Matters

Last week the school held consultation meetings at both schools regarding our proposal to federate with Kirkby Malham Primary. We are grateful to receive consultation feedback from parents and staff and will use this to help us make a decision as to next steps.

### Staffing

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Hopley returns to Settle Primary School this week and will initially be supporting Class 2 and Mrs Shortreed up to the half term as Mrs Hulse is on sick leave. After the half term break she will be working in the Reception Class, through to the summer holiday. We are of course really missing Mrs Downham, who as you are aware is on long term sick leave, but will reorganise staffing and adapt as best we can to ensure that provision can continue to run as smoothly as possible without unduly affecting the children. We are fortunate to have an experienced and hard working staff team who will ensure provision is of the highest quality.

### Our revised class structure for September 2019:

Our staffing structure has been amended to take into account the changing staffing situation and include new appointments for September. It is now as follows:

- **Nursery** - Mrs Wright
- **Reception** - Mrs Spensley
- **Class One (Year One)** - Mrs Smith / Mrs Hopley
- **Class Two (Year Two)** - Miss Wright
- **Class Three (Year Three)** - Mrs Hulse
- **Class Four/Five (Year Four and Five)** - Mrs Drewery /Mrs Ambrose (*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 being updated this week and further key dates for the summer will be placed on the website. Please note, due to theatre availability our Year 6 performance will now be on the last day of term and the End of Year Service has been *moved forward by a week*. So please be aware that some dates have changed or are being added. A revised schedule is on the website and further dates will be added and finalised by the close of the week.

### Skate Park

We are aware that proposals for the Skate Park have been generating a lot of interest and debate. In order to capture the current views of parents we have included a short survey (attached) and hope that it can be completed by as many parents as possible. By doing this we can best reflect the current views of our school community and share these with the Town Council. We also include a letter from the Town Council that clarifies the current position.

Best wishes and thank you all for your ongoing support for our school.

**Michael Gudgeon**

Chair of Governors