



## SUMMER TERM

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We end this year by celebrating the success of the amalgamation of two schools. We have been very fortunate that although we have had hurdles to jump, it has overall been a very smooth sailing process, especially where bringing staff together is concerned. For this, I have the whole staff to thank, for buying into 'our' ways and contributing positively in ensuring that we have become one school for the benefit of all our pupils and the community at large.

Working across two sites has been the biggest challenge for us; I have Miss Thomas to thank for supporting me in ensuring that we did our best to 'split' ourselves somehow across both sites. I have my Senior Leadership Team to thank for being my 'backbone' throughout many tough moments when critical decisions have had to be made and new agendas implemented. I truly am blessed to be surrounded by a group of highly skilled, hard working, dedicated and extremely knowledgeable professionals supporting me along my professional journey – thank you!

The appointment of Miss Baker as our Pastoral Manager has been a decision that I'm glad we made. She has contributed hugely in behaviour and welfare aspects of caring for our pupils. Actions are swift when issues are brought to her attention with positive outcomes.

Creating immersive environments in certain year groups has been instrumental in the positive results we have achieved this year, especially in Foundation Stage 2, where boys enjoyment of writing has seen a significant improvement.

We continue to excel in our Year 6 SATs results. This year's results have been the best so far in attainment and for this we have the pupils, parents/carers and staff in Year 6 to thank for this. Our pupils have shown perseverance and have battled under pressure to achieve fulfillment in their last year with us. Gratitude also goes to other staff members who have supported with Booster classes and those who have had any involvement in other arenas with this particular year group.

May I conclude by offering you and your families very best wishes for the Summer holidays – I hope that the holidays, which are certainly due, will give you the opportunity for some memorable times together. On a personal note, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many positive messages teachers have received on the report feedback sheets and for the words of encouragement I have received from some of you throughout the amalgamation process. Mrs Thorpe

### Year 6 SATs

#### **Headline results, unverified until Autumn Term:**

Spellings, Punctuation and Grammar –  
L4+ 82% L5+ 59%

L6 – 2%

Reading – L4+ 98% L5+ 34%

2 levels progress 95%

Writing – L4+ 89% L5+ 27%

2 levels progress 91%

Reading + Writing – L4+ 89% L5+ 23%

Maths - L4+ 95% L5+ 25%

2 levels progress 95%

Maths + English – L4+ 84% L5+ 11%



### Farewells

**Mrs Taylor (Nursery, Foundation Stage 1)** – We say a farewell and a huge thank you to Mrs Taylor who is retiring from teaching. Mrs Taylor has worked at the school for a considerable number of years. Her manner with the children and ability to know exactly what is needed to help them develop is one to admire. Working in nursery takes a special kind of person, with specific qualities and expertise, and Mrs Taylor truly has these in abundance. We wish her all the best for the future ahead.

**Miss Beeby (Year 1)** – Thank you to Miss Beeby for her contribution towards the progress of our pupils in Year 1. Miss Beeby joined the school as a Newly Qualified Teacher about a year and a half ago. She will be taking up a teaching post in Doncaster. We wish her all the best as she continues in her teaching profession.

How lucky I am  
to have something  
that makes saying  
goodbye so hard.  
-Winnie the Pooh

**Mrs Armitage (Infant Site Office)** – Sincere gratitude to Mrs Armitage for all her service to the school. Her smile that never fades by the end of the day will be missed. We wish her all the very best for the future.

**Mr Johnson (Year 4)** – Mr Johnson joined us as a supply teacher in November. His level of commitment to the team has been outstanding and we thank him for ensuring that our pupils have continued to make progress.

**Miss Diaper and Mr Blakey (Sports – both sites)** - The contribution that Miss Diaper and Mr Blakey have made to our sports provision has ensured that our pupils enjoyment of sports has continued to grow.

**Mrs Thompson (Junior Site)** – After so, so many years of service, then retiring and then coming back to help us again, we say a final farewell to a very, very special lady. Mrs Thompson has worked most of her time here in the main office and recently in Year 5. Her contribution to school life at all levels is immeasurable. We wholeheartedly wish her all the best for a great future ahead.

### Welcome

WELCOME

## Summer Fayre

Thank you to Miss Thomas and her structured Summer Fayre. To Mrs for all the countless hours of baking – quite a fair bit of the £381.72 raised! To all those who attended and spent, thank you for supporting the school.



team for organizing a very well Davey and Mrs Kelly, special gratitude your contributions alone accounted for



**Pupil Voice is paramount in all that we do and the report from them was, I quote, 'best sports day, ever!'**

The great British weather once again played with our minds when it rained the day before the Key Stage 2 sports day, after a week of scorching sunshine. With the Year 6 pupils to assist, Years 1 and 2 had a lot of fun and their team events were particularly great to watch with those on the side lines offering encouragement in abundance. It was especially pleasing to receive a lovely phone call from a parent, who expressed her thanks to the Year 6 pupils for great organisational skills. I am pleased our vision and ethos is transparent in all that our pupils do and that this is recognised and acknowledged. As a Headteacher, this makes me proud!

Unfortunately, the rain the night before the Key Stage 2 day meant that we could not organise any seating due to the soft grounds – hence leaving the chairs at the entrance for adults to use at their own risk. We were also disappointed that we could not have a relay – weather prediction of a downpour of rain at around midday was the reason. On a positive note eight events were organised for all to take part in. The smiles and stickers collected by the children confirmed a very enjoyable morning was had by all. Thank you, Mrs Binch!

## Help the Heroes

We try our best to do our bit, most especially for those who have served us all and continue to do so. In support of promoting British Values in schools, it is vital that we engage in national charity events and to this effect, the School Council organised a 'design your Super Hero' with even an entry of a tractor Super Hero raised which contributed to over £1000 raised themed school lunch menu and provided the donated, we really appreciate your generosity.



competition. All year groups were involved (Tractor Tom) by a nursery pupil. £296.73 was by Schools Catering who also organised a bear for the raffle. Thank you to all those who

## Fun Run for Brain Tumour



I was surprised to read this fact opposite! On the 17<sup>th</sup>, the school organised a fun run to raise funds for the Brain Tumour charity, a cause very close to our school. We have already raised over £250. We shall report the final amount in the next newsletter. Once again, our sincere gratitude for your generosity.

## Year 6

We end this newsletter by wishing a very special year group of children, who have had a very positive attitude towards their learning during their time with us. They have worked extremely hard, persevered and have demonstrated such resilience, they deserve to succeed. I fail to find anything but praise at the highest level for them. We all sincerely thank them for being model pupils and wish them all the very best for the future ahead.

Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2015			
SEPTEMBER			
DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	TIMES
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday	<b>Pupils back to school</b> – <i>remember the gates open earlier than the registration times</i>	Opening times: 8.40am – Infant Site 8.50am – Junior Site
7 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Photographs – Junior Site	8.30am
8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Photographs – Infant Site	8.30am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Y4 Ancient Egypt Workshop	All day
14 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Clubs begin this week	-----
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Y3 Stone Age Workshop	All day
25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Twit Toppling day – non uniform <b><i>Celebrating the wonderful world of Roald Dahl in aid of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity</i></b>	All day
30 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Y2 – working with Artist	All day
OCTOBER			
9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Red, White and Blue Day	All day
14 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Y2 – working with Artist	All day
15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Film Night	Site and time to be confirmed
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday	<b>Half-term begins</b>	<b>Closing times:</b> <b>3pm - Junior Site</b> <b>3.15pm - Infant Site</b>
NOVEMBER			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	<b>School Re-opens</b>	Usual times
11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Remembrance Day	All day
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ANTI-BULLYING WEEK</b>		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>BRAKE ROAD SAFETY</b>		
DECEMBER			
18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	<b>End of term begins</b>	<b>Closing times:</b> <b>2pm – Junior Site</b> <b>2.15pm – Infant Site</b>
<b>Christmas parties, events and concerts to be confirmed nearer the time.</b>			

### KEY DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015 - 2016

Thursday - 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School re-opens to pupils for Autumn Term
Friday – 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School closes for half-term
Monday – 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School re-opens
Friday – 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday – 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens for Spring Term
Friday – 12 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half-term
Monday – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	School re-opens
Thursday – 24 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Monday – 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	MAY DAY
<b>Wednesday – 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closes for half-term</b>  <i>School closed for staff to move into the new school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015.</i> <b>SCHOOL WILL NOT BE OPEN TO PUPILS ON THESE DATES.</b>
<b>Wednesday – 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>
Wednesday – 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>School ENDS for the year</b>

**2016 Key Stage 2 Year 6 SATs - 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May**