

Friday 22 July 2022

## Headteacher Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope my letter finds you all safe and well.

I can't believe how quickly this academic year has passed and that we are about to start the summer break. It has been a much more settled year overall, however not without its challenges. I'd like to take this opportunity to offer you my heartfelt thanks for all your support throughout the year, it is much appreciated.

### **Pupils raise funds for Derian House Children's Hospice**

My apologies I got the year group and the amount raised incorrect in my previous letter. I am incredibly proud of three of our Year 10 pupils who took part in the Cross Bay Challenge, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June walking the 7 miles from Arnside to Grange over Sands raising over £500 for the charity. What a fantastic achievement!

### **Staff Team update**

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Smith Class Teacher 9R, Mrs Armstrong TA2 Chestnut Class, Miss Robinson TA2 Oak Class, Mr Connor TA2 11R and Miss Dobson TA1 8A. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their service to the school and wishing them all well for the future.

Miss Melling, Leading Practitioner & Class Teacher in Oak class is starting her maternity leave today, we would like to wish her all the best and are all very excited to meet her new arrival.

We have several new staff joining the team in September, I will send out a letter with more details at the start of the new academic year.

### **Term dates 2022-23 & 2023-24**

We have previously shared the term dates for next academic year 2022-23 and have recently had agreement from the governors for the dates for 2023-24, they are both available on the school website.

### **Calendar of Events**

We have been busy planning our events and special days for next year. Our calendar of events for next academic year is now available on the school website. Please take a few moments to look and add the dates to your diaries.

### **Pupil transition**

Pupils have been visiting their new classes this week and getting to know their new classmates and the adults that will be supporting them next year. I am really proud of how well the pupils have coped and hopefully they will feel more settled knowing which class, adults and peers they will be with in September. The class teams have also been putting together introduction videos for the pupils to watch over summer as a helpful reminder of their new class staff. These are available on our Learning from Home YouTube channel. During the INSET day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September staff teams will also be putting together and sharing social stories and other resources with you to support your child's transition.



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I'll look forward to welcoming all the pupils back to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

I hope you all enjoy the summer break.

Kindest regards,

Kieran Welsh  
Headteacher

