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Re: Summer Newsletter and Staffing Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it! The Summer holidays are within reaching distance and what an incredible year it has been. It has been hands-on in school, and our staff have adapted to many different roles this year – all of which they have had to do simultaneously.

There have been some disappointing times and missed opportunities for the children due to restrictions and staffing availability ... however, there have also been some **amazing** times - a school full of laughter and happiness, the sound of the children's exuberant chatter upon their return to from home-schooling, and a team of staff who have worked relentlessly to adapt to teaching children at home and in school simultaneously. What we have to show for a year of schooling in a pandemic is a website full of incredible learning opportunities that **HAVE** happened if you wish to take a look.

The Summer term has been full of excitement!

Class 4 wrote and performed a Battle Cry related to the Anglo Saxon and Viking struggles and recorded their passionate speeches to 'rally their army'. Their artwork has been incredible – from intricate Viking Crosses to incredible watercolour Artwork linked to the story 'At the Mountain's Base' by Traci Sorrell and accompanied it by writing their own wish for peace. Part of a prayer from one child was:

*Great Ancestors,
Hear my plea. Keep my family safe from danger. They are locked away in my soul.
So much devastation; destruction needs to stop for the good of all. All I want is peace.'*

Class 3 delved into the Industrial Revolution, exploring the changes over time in Leeds, and experiencing a day as a child from the Victorian era. They worked in chalk on a blackboard. Their teacher was very stern and serious that day and they had to stand up respectfully every time an adult entered the room. In the afternoon, they learned about children who worked in factories and the pressures they would face. They explored the life of Nelson Mandela and Ada Lovelace as inspirational people and also ventured back to Egyptian times, mummifying a tomato and carefully removing the 'organs' from inside.

Our youngest children in **Class 1 and Class Two** ventured back to the late Edwardian era to launch their learning about Transport through time.

Everyone came to school dressed as a passenger, ready to travel to New York. The children had to show their boarding pass (which had been posted to them at home) to Captain Smith (played by Mrs Bagshaw) before being placed on the boat according to which class they were in - 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

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They enjoyed a virtual tour of the ship once 'on board', ate an Edwardian snack (a jam tart) and played Edwardian lawn games during P.E. In class, their themed activities included investigating a ship in a bottle, constructing the Titanic outside, loose parts (eg, pasta, beads and lentils) transport pictures and creating the Titanic a la carte restaurant during role play.

This half term they have explored the Geography of the coast and enjoyed a Beach in the classroom!

Arts and Other Faiths Week:

Each class has been looking at a different religion and exploring that religion through Art and stories.



Class 1 explored Islam. They enjoyed labelling the important artefacts.

Class 2 learned about Buddhism. They read the story of Buddha and discussed the main teachings then made their own clay Buddha's.



Class 3 have been learning about Hinduism, creating pastel pictures of Rama and Sita,



Class 4 have learnt about Judaism, tried writing in Hebrew and created some beautiful Hamsa Hands.

Thank you to **FROGS** for supporting school with this enrichment activity and the cost of Bikeability for the Year 6 children.



Staffing for 2020-21

Following the latest guidance on maternity shielding, which was released late this week, we have had to make some staffing adjustments.

Class 1 –

Mrs Brearton

Class 2 –

Mrs Bagshaw

Class 3 –

As Mrs Thompson will be 28 weeks pregnant during the summer holidays, the latest guidance does not allow her to return to class-based teaching. She will work from home delivering interventions for Class 3 and carrying out other subject coordinator tasks until her maternity commences sometime in the first half term.

Therefore, our NQT who trained with us prior to Covid and who works in After School Club on a Friday will be the school-based Class Teacher from September alongside Mrs Robson. Miss Mason got married earlier this year and is now called Mrs Thompson too!

Class 4 –

Mrs Ashford

The teachers have all completed their handover meetings ready for September.

Teaching Assistants -

This year, we will deploy our fantastic support staff across classes to ensure that the legal requirements of SEND support and other interventions are fulfilled. This is great news for staff and pupils – the children have lots of friendly faces to help them with their work and the adults have lots of opportunities to make an impact on our children, and to have a varied work life.

Mrs Mason will work mostly between Class 1 and 2 (with a small amount of time in Class 3).

Miss Nutter will work mostly between Class 2 and 3

Mrs Brayshaw will work in Class 2 on a Friday afternoon (and may do other interventions elsewhere)

Mrs Wastling will work mostly in Class 4 but will also deliver interventions in Class 3.

Mrs Cartwright, our newest member of the team, will work across Class 3 and Class 4.

School Administrator:

On Thursday afternoon, we were finally able to secure a wonderful administrator to start in September.



Mrs Lee brings with her a wealth of experience. I am sure she will be a wonderful addition to the team.

My name is Tracey Lee and I live in Knaresborough with my husband, daughter and son.

I have worked in schools since 2008, first at Meadowside, then at The Forest School, more recently at Elevate Multi Academy Trust.

I'm very excited to be joining the staff at Goldsborough School in September, and I'm so looking forward to meeting your lovely children. Have a fabulous summer break- see you in September!

We look forward to welcoming her in September.

I would like to thank Mrs Sumner once again ahead of her departure for being a wonderful colleague and for always going above and beyond for the children and our school.

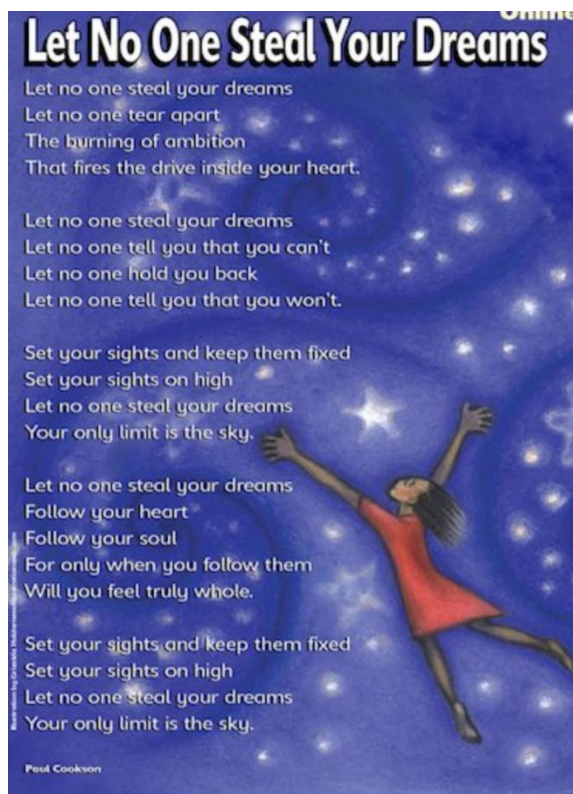
Year 6 Leavers:

I am sure that they will remember their self-penned A-Z of Goldsborough C.E Primary School for the rest of their lives. They have made us so proud this year – they have each grown in self-belief and become the young people who are now so clearly ready to navigate their high school journey. This is thanks to the whole school team, but it is a result of the expert daily guidance and patience given to the children by the Class 4 team.

These children will be read about in history books in years to come. Rather than a subheading about 'Life in the Victorian Era', future generations will ask: 'What was school like for children during the Covid Pandemic?'

They each read their memories to me and these are priceless - I am sure that they will look back and appreciate all that they achieved and all they enjoyed in spite of the challenges they faced.

Lots of them simply summarised that being back with their classmates and teachers was the best thing after being away from their friends and Teachers for so long and others celebrated the impact of Forest Schools.



Good Luck Year 6 – you are all superstars!

I know that this year hasn't been all that we hoped it would be but I am so proud to be the Headteacher at our school, and across the federation, more so than ever after witnessing the dedication to the children's learning that has been displayed from the staff members in school during the pandemic.

The regular support sent in via countless emails from parents has really made the world of difference, so thank you to each and every one of you for being the boost we have needed to keep going and for taking the time to share your appreciation when behind the scenes it has continued to be incredibly busy, even up to yesterday – one day before the end of term - when I was dealing with staff needing to isolate at both schools.

We wish you a happy summer and look forward to a more 'normal' term in the autumn... hopefully!

Be prepared for possible last-minute updates from the government that we need to share without much notice.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

Settings only needed to do contact tracing up to and including 18 July. Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.

Under-18s identified by NHS Test and Trace as close contacts will continue to be asked to self-isolate for 10 days up until August 16 by Test and Trace, when the rules will change.

From August 16 onwards, pupils under 18 identified as close contact will not need to isolate and instead will be advised to take a PCR test.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/test-results/help-the-nhs-alert-your-close-contacts-if-you-test-positive/>

We aim to be back to regular school time for all classes: 8:55am – 3:15pm. The playground will be open from 8:45am but children are the responsibility of parents until the teachers come out around 8:50am ready to ring the bell.

The first two days are training days, so we will see you on **Wednesday 8th September**, fresh-faced, well-rested and ready for the exciting academic year we have planned. Please refer to the website for other upcoming dates <https://www.goldsboroughprimary.co.uk/calendar> subject to change, sorry for any inconvenience.

I cannot wait to be able to mix with all families, from all year groups, on the playground once more! How novel even the smallest things will feel.

With very best wishes,

Miss Zoe Pickard
Headteacher