



## Newsletter Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

**As we approach the final two weeks of what has been a most challenging and unusual term I would like to update parents on a few points.**

Firstly the Government yesterday released guidance for schools about their proposals for all pupils to return to school. As a school we are extremely excited at the opportunity to have all children back in school where they can continue their education. We are mindful that some parents will still have concerns and will be worried about what it will be like returning to school. Senior leaders are currently working their way through the 19 pages of guidance to ensure that we will be ready for when all pupils return to school on Tuesday 8th of September.

We will use a risk assessment created by the Local Authority to ensure we reduce the risk as much as possible for pupils, parents and staff. We will share our plans for the return with you before the end of term.

School reports have been written by staff and will be sent out next week. Pupils in school will be able to take them home and for others they will arrive through your door later in week. The reports only cover academic performance up till Easter. The summer term can often be the time when the greatest rates of progress happen so please don't worry about grades as we have based them on mid-year results as opposed to end of year predictions. If you would like to discuss anything on your child's report please contact your child's teacher or myself.

Before the end of term we will also share with pupils and parents the structure of the school and the class your child will be in next year. This has taken a little longer than usual due to the unique circumstances we find ourselves in.

The planning is well underway for how we will approach a return to school for pupils. Their health and well-being will be paramount as we assess where pupils are and how best we can build on what they have done during lockdown in order to get them back in line with year group expectations as we progress throughout the year.

It was brilliant to see Wimbledon being recreated at North and South Cowton yesterday, even a typically British summer downpour earlier in the day did not stop pupils in class 2 enjoying tennis and strawberries on the centre-court yard! Thanks to Mrs Hughes for taking on the role of Cliff Richard?!



Class 1 have been exploring the work of Shakespeare and writing their own character descriptions and summaries of a Midsummer Night's Dream after watching a production of it acted out by pupils. As well as exploring shape and space in Y3, they have welcomed in one of our new starters who has settled in nicely ready for next year.

Finally **congratulations** to Liverpool on their title win and I look forward to following the results of other local teams including Newcastle and Middlesbrough as the season draws to a close. Good luck to those who are going to venture out this weekend for a meal, or possibly even a drink and a haircut; it is probably best not to mix the two! In all seriousness please take care and stay safe it is important our community remains healthy so that we can rebuild ready for September.

Thanks for your continued support

*Richard Linsley*  
*Interim Executive Headteacher*

### **Robinwood**

For the year 3 parents and any newcomers in the juniors, we would appreciate if the first instalment (£50.00) for the Robinwood trip next June could be paid no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September. Although the trip is voluntary, we do try and encourage all the children to attend. It is a great opportunity for the children to be together, in an entirely different environment to school and a chance for them to try out new challenges, whilst having fun at the same time. If there is anybody who decides not to join us, we would be grateful if you could inform the office as soon as possible and we will make arrangements for them to remain in school instead. We would like **all** balances to be paid in full no later than 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021. The payments can be made using the online system or if it is easier, payment can be made at the office. Thank you.

### **School Reports**

Reports are being sent out next Monday. They will be hand delivered to those who live locally but are not in school. Those living further afield will have theirs posted. Some of the photographs on the front of the reports are a little different this year, as we have been unable to take new photographs of many of the children. We have tried to find the most up to date photographs as possible, all are school related, but some are more relaxed than normal.

### **From Mrs Sayer**

Mrs Sayer would be grateful for any mens or ladies, size small or medium, tech tops for the juniors to wear during art lessons. She would also like the children to bring in any empty screw top jars they may have. Thank you.

### **Shout Outs**

Another shout out to **ALL** the children who are continuing to work hard, be it at home or in school. Fantastic work is being produced and we are really enjoying seeing it. Let's not forget the parents at home who are helping the children with their work, whilst working from home themselves, at the same time. Well done everybody!