



# ACKLAM WHIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Always a chance for everyone!"

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Dear Parents & Carers,

## **Sad Goodbyes**

We will not only be saying goodbye to our incredible Y6s this week, we will also be saying farewell to the longest serving member of the Acklam Whin family, Mrs Purcell.

Mrs Purcell joined us in 1986, has worked under three different head teachers and has taught over 1000 children in her classes, some of which are parents of children in school today. On behalf of all the children and staff at Acklam Whin, who have benefitted enormously from her hard work, commitment and enthusiasm in making school life the very best experience for all during her time with us, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the lives she has touched, children and adults alike. I wish Mrs Purcell all the happiness in her retirement and remind her that she will always be part of the Acklam Whin family and will always be welcome back.

As we have previously mentioned, Dolly Mixtures will be leaving us early in the Autumn and we wish Caroline and her team all the success and happiness and thank them for their services to our families over the past 12 years.

## **Wow Wow Wow!**

Can I just say a huge thank you for all your support and generosity at this year's Summer Festival. It was a wonderful family afternoon and thank you for all your positive feedback. Can I say a huge thank you to Mrs Ingledew, the staff, PTA, parental helpers and amazing children who made everything happen and run so smoothly. All your hard work was very much appreciated by all and we raised over £1500 for school, which is incredible!

## **Looking forward**

We are constantly looking at options for future collaborative working that will enable us to strengthen even further the teaching and learning opportunities we give our children. The governors and staff are looking to remove ourselves from the Co-operative Learning Trust we joined 4 years ago in order to gain greater benefits and more effective collaboration. Please see the accompanying letter for further information.

## **New Appointments**

Congratulations to Mrs Boylett who joins our staff permanently from September as a 0.2 teacher in Y4 and to Mrs Wiedman who will teach Monday to Thursday in Y4 with Mrs Boylett teaching on a Friday.

## **Parkway Partnership**

Thank you for the positive responses to Parkway Nurseries joining us in the Autumn term to provide the 30 hours provision for 3 and 4 yr olds and before and after school care for 3 to 11yr olds. Don't forget their open day is on our PD Day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September for you to meet the team and see how their services will work.

### **Reaching the stars and beyond**

This year has been unprecedented for the sporting participation and successes for our children. We have been so proud of how they have represented our school including the Yorkshire Y4 Cricket Finals, Y3 North of England Tennis Champions, Numerous Tees Valley finals and Middlesbrough Championship winners, Y3/4 Team of the year and in the top 3 Sports Schools of the year at the Middlesbrough Sports Awards.

The hard work and commitment of Mr Jackson has been a real inspiration to our children and supported all their talents and successes.

### **Reading Rewards**

Thank you and well done to all the children who have really reached for the stars this year and exceeded our new reading rewards system. Their commitment to improve and develop their reading skills at home has meant that over 30 children had over 150 reads and 18 had over 200 reads at home. We hope you enjoy your well-deserved gift vouchers and Kindle devices. From September we will be introducing new Reading Records and updated planners to children from Reception to Y6.

### **Because they Arrrrrrrrgh!**

Those of you lucky enough to see the Y6 production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' this week will have seen a fitting end and celebration of our incredibly talented and hugely successful Y6 pupils. They leave us today as they head off to their secondary schools, more than ready for the next set of challenges they face. We could not be more proud of their attitudes, hard work, dedication, maturity and inspiration to others and they will leave a huge gap in the Acklam Whin family – don't forget us!

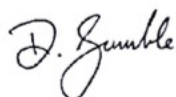
### **Ready to Go**

Just as the Summer starts, a little reminder that the children return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. We thank you for your support with new school and PE uniforms this year and we look forward to seeing the children smart and ready for school with the correct clothing and footwear when we return on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Have a Wonderful and Safe Summer**

Thank you again for all your support this year. I would also like to thank all the staff, governors, volunteers, everyone who has made this year such a success. We can only continue to move forward together, working for the best interests and needs of our amazing children. Have a lovely Summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Gamble