

### Head's Appraisal

It is just over a year since I started working as Headmaster of Netherleigh and Rossefield School. How the time has flown! All Headteachers should now participate in an annual appraisal of their performance. This should be led by an impartial expert who is independent of our school. Mr and Mrs Midgley have therefore asked Mr Neil Gabriel, recently retired Head of Bradford Grammar Junior School, to lead the Headmaster's appraisal. The Head's appraisal should be rigorous and take into account the views of parents, children and staff. Questionnaires regarding my performance as Head are therefore being sent out to parents, children and staff this week. Once completed, these will be sent **directly** and **confidentially** to Neil Gabriel, so that he can analyse the range of responses received. These responses will help him to form a conclusion about my performance as Headmaster to date. I look forward to meeting with Neil Gabriel in the coming weeks to discuss the details of this feedback.

### Dates for the Diary

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Hockney/Bronte/Delius trip to The Alhambra to see Peter Pan

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

Fluoride Varnish team in to treat children in Nursery/Reception/Year 1

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Mid-Year Reports given to parents

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Break up for half-term

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Pupils return to school after half-term



As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting pupil safety and wellbeing, Peel class will be taking part in a Childhood First Aid workshop on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Using age appropriate scenarios, the Red Cross team build young people's confidence and willingness to help in a first aid emergency. The group will look at the qualities of a helper and how to manage and support others.



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### IAPS visit

Our school is a member of The Independent Association of Prep Schools (IAPS) and we were delighted to welcome their Director of Education, Mark Brotherton, to school last week. This was not an inspection - IAPS offer professional support to their member schools. However, schools must reach a very high standard to be eligible for IAPS membership. We were delighted at the optimistic, positive nature of Mark Brotherton's feedback, and we are pleased to be able to renew our membership of this prestigious organisation.

### Sports update

We are delighted to welcome our Sports Coach Liam Curtis back to school today, now that he has recovered after undergoing surgery on his leg. Multi skills club returns today and Football club returns on Friday.

### Lockdown procedure

As you all know, fire drills are an established part of any school or workplace. We conduct these each term for both buildings. Inspectors now recommend that schools also rehearse lockdown procedures. This is to prepare children and staff for any major, unexpected incident that may require each class to stay securely inside their own classrooms. We will be conducting a drill for a lockdown procedure in the coming weeks. This is part of our Major Incident Policy, which is available on the policies section of our website, and at the following web address: <http://www.netherleighandrossefieldschool.com/Documents/Major%20Incident%20Policy.pdf>