



### **A message from the Headmaster**

Welcome back everyone after the Spring half term holiday. Our final half term of the year will be a combination of end of year business (such as assessment week and school reports); exciting trips (the whole school trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park and the older children's residential visit to Robinwood) and celebrations of achievements (including our annual Prize Giving Ceremony.) We have much to look forward to, and lots of work to do, between now and the summer holidays!

### **New staff appointments**

After Mrs Brushett's decision to retire from teaching at the end of this academic year, we clearly need to find a new class teacher for September 2017. Mrs Brushett also carries the title of Deputy Head, and has been responsible for deputising for me whenever I am off site.

Following Mrs Brushett's announcement, I conducted a review of the management structure. As a result of this review, the school will have two Assistant Heads from September 2017, rather than one Deputy Head.

After a rigorous interview process, I am delighted to announce that Miss Partington and Mr Maddra have been promoted to the two Assistant Head roles. Miss Partington will be Assistant Head responsible for the Early Years Foundation Stage, while Mr Maddra will be Assistant Head responsible for Key Stage 1 and 2.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Partington and Mr Maddra following these appointments, and agree that this is worthy recognition of their hard work and valuable contributions to school life.

We are now in the process of recruiting a new class teacher, ready to be appointed for September 2017, and will inform you as soon as this appointment is confirmed.

### **Ramadan**

I understand that a number of our families are part way through Ramadan. Ramadan Mubarak to you all! On a more practical note, we follow guidance which states that Muslim children do not fast until they reach puberty, which is not generally applicable to primary aged children. One compromise that we have made in the past, and would be willing to contemplate this time, is for children to conduct a half-fast, in which they do not have milk/fruit during the morning session, but then have lunch as normal. Written permission must be provided by a parent if you wish your child to observe a half-fast. If you wish to discuss any of these matters further then please feel free to come and speak to Mr McIntosh.

### **Dates for the diary**

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Father's Day Secret Shop

#### **W/C Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Assessment week for Years 1-6

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> & Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Bikeability for Years 5/6

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Robinwood residential trip for participating children in Years 3/4/5/6

#### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Whole school trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

End of Year reports given to parents

#### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Break up for summer holidays at 12pm

#### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Summer holiday sports club, run by Liam Curtis, hosted by school

**N.B. Date for End of Year Prize Giving Ceremony is to be confirmed. We will inform you as soon as this date is confirmed. Many thanks.**

### **Father's Day Secret Shop**

Mrs Springer has been working hard to get presents organised for the Father's Day Secret Shop. We hope that everyone involved gets something that is special to them!

### **Tea towels**

Please see the accompanying letter, titled 'Tea Towel Order Form' regarding an exciting purchase that parents may wish to make.