

**19<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for the School. Over the past 12 months we have started to bring some much-needed stability and continuity to the School and Woodfield is now on an upward curve as we work to ensure that our children are given the opportunity to reach their full potential in a safe and happy environment.

The appointment of Mr Cook as Permanent Headteacher in June has given us the long term leadership that we need. He is already making a real difference to the 'feel' of the School and to the learning environment. The celebration of School achievements that Mr Cook has introduced, along with the newsletter, shows that everyone has a real role in helping to make the School an inspiring place to be. It is no coincidence that the School was chosen to be part of the Stray FM end of term tour, and Mrs Howlett in particular, was instrumental in making this happen.

Staff, parents and carers have continued to work hard together to making sure that overall attendance of children in the School remains good. We have weekly updates for each class and encourage children to be in school, learning. Every day really does count, and missing school can have a big impact on achievements.

The new term will see a few changes. Pupil numbers determine staff numbers and there has been a need to make adjustments. Some members of staff have made the decision to leave, but no compulsory redundancies were involved. We would like to give them our best wishes for the future and our sincere thanks for their many contributions to our School. There will be four classes throughout the School with the same level of teaching assistant support in each class and our excellent inclusion and pastoral care support, providing children with the daily teaching and support that they deserve.

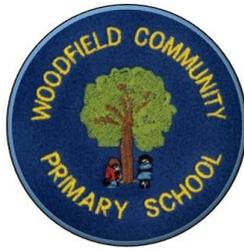
Changes to the Governing Body include two new Parent Governors, Claire Tunney and Vicky Lack, who joined us in March and following a recent audit of skills across the Governors, we will be looking for a new Local Authority Governor in the Autumn to replace Caroline Bates, who has helped enormously as our Finance Link Governor and who deserves our thanks.

There will be a new way of checking how each pupil is making progress. This will show us how well the School is performing, and where any specific help may be needed. You will be able to find out how your own child is developing through the report that you will receive before the end of term, and the teachers are always willing to answer any questions.

The recent Year 6 SATS results were in line with the teacher's forecasts and show the progress that the School is beginning to make. Hard work in areas such as reading have

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really paid off. Children have all had individual feedback and teacher assessments have been passed on to their secondary schools to accompany the SATs results. We wish all of our Year 6 Leavers well in the next stage of their education and hope that some of them will want to come back in the future to share their experiences and see how we are doing.

As well as Mr Cook's newsletter, a brand new website should be live in the Autumn Term. We want everyone to hear about all the great things that are going on at Woodfield through features with the Harrogate Advertiser, Stray FM, and social media such as Twitter. We are lucky to have so many great assets - a wonderful, healthy green location, our building, a library on site and of course, your support. Together with great teaching, we believe we will attract greater numbers to the school over the coming years, allowing us to provide even more facilities.

So once again, a great big thank you to:

- Parents and Carers for supporting our school and our children in their learning;
- All the staff for their commitment and enthusiasm to ensure our children have the best possible experience at the School;
- Volunteers for continuing to support the activities in and around the classroom;
- PAWS for putting on great events in school for us all to enjoy and raising funds;
- All of our pupils for helping to make this School a happy and exciting place to be.

Finally, on behalf of all Governors, I would like to thank again those members of staff who will be leaving us at the end of this term, some of whom have been at the School a long time – all of them have helped make Woodfield the amazing place that it is today.

Have a great summer! We look forward to seeing you again in September.

Jonathan Spruce  
Chair of Governors

