



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term everyone. I hope children and their families managed to make the most of the amazing Spring weather we have had during the week's break.

### Bright Futures

We ended the first half term with a fabulous week we call our 'Bright Futures Week'.



This has become an annual event involving the whole school, with children in every class spending some time thinking about their ambitions and aspirations for the future. To help them with this we were lucky enough to have a wide range of visitors who came into school to talk about their jobs. I would like to extend a MASSIVE thank you to all the parents and friends who gave up their time to come into school to inspire and motivate our children. We had so many visitors across school that I know I will miss some out, but they included: representatives from the police force and fire brigade, Santander, the Shell Foundation, Proctor & Gamble, an author, a physiotherapist, a holiday rep, an engineer, a chef, a football coach, someone who runs their own business making children's clothes and a student from Teesside University. Thanks also to Mr Stogdale who came in for a whole day with a huge dome tent equipped with the latest presentation technology which allowed the children in years 3 and 4 to focus on businesses along the River Tees.

### Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo

I can't let last half term go by without mentioning how wonderful our year 4 children were in their performance with Cleveland Chamber Orchestra on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. If you follow the school on Twitter or Facebook you will have seen the wonderful comments about this amazing opportunity for our children to sing with a live orchestra. The programme included a couple of pieces by the orchestra to start the concert followed by 'The Snowman' which included our children singing the famous part at the end – '*Walking in the Air*'. Year 4 children were fabulous of course, but it was also great for them to hear the whole piece which lasts for about 20 minutes and was narrated beautifully by a young teenager called Stefan. It was a very moving performance – I had forgotten how sad the story actually is.



Following a short interval year 4 children and the orchestra came back in for the main event – the orchestra and choir performance of '*Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo*' by Michael Flanders and Joseph Horowitz.



This piece consists of ten choral works which are not easy to learn including complicated rhythms and key changes as well as loads of words to learn. The children were an absolute credit and the orchestra was pretty good too!! I have to say a huge well done to all children who took part as well as to our year 4 teachers led by our musical director Mrs Watson.

## Sporting Success this Term

As always we have been busy on the sporting front.

A group of children from year 3 and 4 went along to a hula-hoop festival at Northfield School accompanied by Mr Rix who along with the children, enjoyed honing his hula-hooping skills and technique.

Children in reception enjoyed a PE festival at Queens Campus which gave them one of their first opportunities to experience joining in sporting activities with other schools at a big event.

Our year 5 and 6 footballers achieved success getting through to the second round of the EFL Kids Cup as well as making the final of the Cluster Group tournament. Good luck to the team for the 7<sup>th</sup> March finals at Hurworth.

Our older children have also this term taken part in a local swimming gala and netball tournament.

## Good Luck to Year 2

We wish good luck to our year 2 children who will all take part in a 'Snappy Spring' singing performance at Thornaby Pavilions later this term in a massed choir from schools across Stockton. They have enjoyed practising uplifting songs such as 'I'd like to teach the world to sing' and 'Chirpy, Chirpy, Cheep, Cheep'.

## Retirements

I would like to let parents know that two of our long-standing teachers will be retiring during the next half term.

Mrs Smith retires at the end of this term, after 31 years of teaching including many years leading PE across school.

Mrs Meynell's last day will be March 4<sup>th</sup> after 38 years of teaching, including many years as Special Needs Co-ordinator and most recently as Designated Teacher for Looked After Children.

Both teachers will be greatly missed having made significant contributions to Ingleby Mill Primary School. We wish them all the very best for a long and happy retirement.

## Looking Ahead – Term Dates

### TERM DATES 2018/19

#### Spring

|             |                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Term starts | Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019      |
| Half term   | Close Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019   |
|             | Re-open Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 |
| Easter      | Close Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019  |

#### Summer

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Term starts | Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019       |
| Half Term   | Close Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019    |
|             | Re-open Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 |
| Summer      | Close Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019   |

#### Professional Development Days 2018/19

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun 2019  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

#### Year 6 (Key Stage 2) SATS week 2018/19

WB Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

#### Summer Fair

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm

### **For parents/Carers who like plenty of forward notice – here are our term dates for 2019/20**

### TERM DATES 2019/20

#### Autumn

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Term starts | Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019  |
| Half term   | Close Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October<br>(PD Days 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> Oct) |
|             | Re-open Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019  |
| Christmas   | Close Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec   |

#### Spring

|             |                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Term starts | Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020      |
| Half term   | Close Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020   |
|             | Re-open Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 |
| Easter      | Close Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020  |

#### Summer

|             |                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Term starts | Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020       |
| May Day     | Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May               |
| Half term   | Close Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020   |
|             | Re-open Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020 |
| Easter      | Close Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020  |

#### Professional Development Days 2019/20

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020