

## Spring Newsletter



I am delighted to have finally started here as Executive Headteacher – it feels like a long time ago that I was appointed! I visited last term several times so have met everyone and found out more about both schools but it is lovely to actually be here full time and be part of the school communities. I have had a warm welcome from everyone here. I have worked closely with Mrs Laffin and am very grateful for all she has done in her time with both schools.

Already, I have seen many positive things at the school; the children are delightful, and I have been particularly impressed with their behaviour and their positive relationships with each other. I have seen some fantastic learning across both schools already – from adding and subtracting in Class 1 (Otley) to incredible team work in Class 4 (Witnesham).

### Coffee Mornings

I look forward to meeting parents and carers this week at the coffee mornings. If you are unable to make these please come and say 'hello' when you can. I am very keen to find out people's views about the school, so do stop and have a chat and let me know what you think are the things that are working well and perhaps not quite as well at both schools. I will also be sending out a survey to collect any feedback you may have.

### Celebration Assemblies

Each Friday (starting next week) we will be having a Celebration Assembly to acknowledge all the hard work and achievements the children have made. I invite families to join us for these if you would like to. Younger siblings are welcome too but we ask that if they get fidgety you take them out so as not to detract from the celebrations. They will be held in the school hall at:

**9.00 – Otley**

**and**

**2.45 – Witnesham.**

### Class Newsletters

Following this newsletter, you should be receiving a class newsletter to share with you the main learning planned for this term. It will also have suggested activities to support learning at home which we hope is useful. Routines and expectations will also be outlined here. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

### Key Dates

In an attempt to be organised and give notice of key events, please find attached all the key dates for the Spring Term. These are provisional but we will keep changes to the minimum. I hope having them in advance is helpful.

I look forward to working with you all and I hope you have a fantastic start to the Spring Term.

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