



“All Learning Together”

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Dear Parents,

### May 2021 School Update

As we all look forward to opportunities that the relaxing of our Coronavirus restrictions will bring, I thought it an ideal time to update you on some staffing changes and some plans for the upcoming weeks today. It goes without saying however that we will continue to follow the most up to date risk assessments and procedures required to continue to keep us all safe. We will continue to work in our two bubbles and where possible, keep staffing arrangements the same. We are now able if required, to allow some staff members to cross bubbles however we will endeavour to keep this to a minimum.

#### Staffing

For those of you with children in Derwent and Foss Class, I have no doubt that the children will have mentioned our student teacher Miss Oscroft to you. Miss Oscroft has proved herself to be an outstanding student teacher and I am absolutely delighted to inform you that following from our recruitment process, we have appointed Miss Oscroft to be our new Key Stage 1 teacher from this September. The position has become available as Mrs Cummings will be working at Langton on a part-time basis, two days a week from September. Miss Oscroft will therefore become the teacher of Foss Class in September and we all very much look forward to having her as part of our Langton family. Mrs Cummings as I write, is currently babysitting the hatching chicks and I am grateful that we will still have Mrs Cummings' excellent ideas, although on a reduced timetable.

We will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Tetlow at the end of this academic year. Mrs Tetlow has been linked to Langton School for around 24 years and has been on the staff for fifteen. Her commitment to the school and expertise, especially with our youngest children, is second to none and we will miss her greatly. Thankfully she doesn't live too far away so we are hoping that Mrs Tetlow will pop in every so often to say hello. We are currently carrying out recruitment to fill this position.

Whilst our pupil numbers have gone from strength to strength over the past few years, at Langton we are committed to keeping teaching groups as small as possible. In order to ensure that this happens in Key Stage 2 next year, I am also excited to let you know that Mrs Huntriss is going to be increasing her teaching responsibility and will be working as a Key Stage 2 teacher full time from September. Mr Walker, Miss Boyle and Mrs Huntriss will form the Key Stage 2 teaching team and will be teaching more flexibly between Rye and Ouse classes. As we prepare the children for secondary school, having access to more than one teacher will no doubt benefit them and we can maximise the expertise of our teachers. For example, Mrs Huntriss will continue to teach Science in Key Stage 2, which I know is a very popular subject at Langton!

I will send more details of exact class groupings after the half term break.

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray  
Chair of Governors: Mr Howard Widdall

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs McAfee back after her maternity leave. When she returns on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, she will be working with us on Mondays and Tuesdays.

As well as Mrs Tetlow, our longest serving member of staff currently working at Langton Primary School is Mrs Goodwill. Mrs Goodwill has been responsible for cooking, cleaning and caretaking for over 20 years. Tracy has been an integral part of our team but she is moving on to a new challenge and we wish her all the very best. Sam and I are going to miss the odd frothy coffee and croissant being deposited on our desks and we will all miss the laughs and fun times that Tracy brings with her. As a school, we would like to recognise Tracy's commitment and are organising a collection for her. If any parents or members of our school community would like to contribute to this, please do send monies in a marked envelope to Sam by next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We will be saying farewell to Tracy on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. I know the children will especially miss her school dinners which have been very popular over the years despite the very small kitchen! Again, we are working with the Local Authority to recruit for these positions.

### **Dates for your Diary**

As school begins to be able to operate more "normally", we will recommence sending out school newsletters on a more regular basis. As part of this, we include Diary Dates but before our next Newsletter comes out on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, I thought it was worth highlighting the day we have planned for Sports Day. Weather and COVID- restrictions permitting, we are hoping to hold the Sports Day as we normally do for all children on the Village Green on the afternoon of **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June**. Please put this in your diaries. Our Reserve Sports Day will be Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

As we are now permitted to take children on overnight residentials, Rye Class are looking forward to heading over to Peat Rigg Outdoor Activity Centre from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. They will be accompanied by Mr Walker, Mrs Bowman and Miss Easom together with Mrs Laud who is the Year 5/6 teacher at Weavertorpe. I know they are all looking forward to it. For those of you with children in Year 6, transition days to secondary school are in the diary but we are also going to be sharing with them our plans for an end of year event. This year we are unable to do our end of year production in the same way but we are planning something a little bit different which will involve Key Stage 2 and will celebrate our Year 6 leavers. More details to follow.

As we are sharing this letter with our families starting with us in September, Mrs Laverack and I have agreed three transition session for our new starters to join us and experience some time in school. I will be sending an additional letter with more detail about these next week.

Please be aware of when we return after Half Term – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June is a teacher Training Day and we will welcome the children back on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> are our Year 6 Bikeability** days so children in Year 6 will need to bring with them a bike in good condition for riding on the roads and a well-fitting helmet.

We look forward to sharing with you some of the things the children have been up to in our next Newsletter. As usual, they have been working hard. I have been in and out of classrooms this week observing teaching and learning, and I have been delighted to see the children hard at work.

With very best wishes,

Rachel Ray  
Headteacher