



St Nicholas C of E Primary School

"Where everyone is valued"

July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end this academic year, we have lots to look back on and celebrate. We ended the term with Sports Day, undeterred by the rain showers; our children (and staff) showed great resilience and carried on with a reduced programme of events. It was a great success and illustrated our 'growth mind-set'; during the year we have focussed on being positive and improving in all aspects of school life. Our buzz word has been 'yet' - as in 'I can't do it yet' and not giving up. The year has been a busy one with lots of exciting opportunities for all.

Some of our highlights 2016-17

Our new 'Trim Trail' was opened by Olympian Nicola Wilson - we had a great day. The 'trim trail' really makes playtime fun and keeps us fit.



Edith's Wartime Scrapbook - our KS2 pupils really were amazing - they were all very confident as they brought to life their learning about World War 2. They have so many talents and we are very proud of them.



A visit to the **Yorkshire Wildlife Park** in Doncaster - a whole school activity funded by our 'Friends' group and an opportunity to have fun as a school and see lots of different animals.



Sports Partnership Activities ...this year we have taken part in many sporting events and festivals and these have really raised the profile of sport in school. The children have enjoyed developing new skills. We have taken part in a range of sports including- orienteering, archery, rounders, tennis, cross country, gymnastics, athletics and more.



School Trips - A whole school trip to the pantomime at Harrogate, Tiger Class went on a 'Castle Tour' and also visited Tesco as part of their topic work. Key Stage 2 pupils took part

in a Countryside Day, carried out a local river study, visited St. Nicholas Church and took part in a Mosque visit. They also visited Tropical World.



Learning in real life situations - Tiger Class visited Tesco to find out about foods from around the world and select and buy ingredients to make smoothies; Y6 took part in Stretch-a-Pound which is an enterprise initiative using a £1 investment to raise further funds - there were some very interesting projects; Bike-ability - which ensures our Y6 pupils have road safety awareness.



Visitors to our school - Wes Magee, Drums-a-go-go, Love Science, and a ballet workshop led by Rebehah Amiri.



Work with our 'partner school' - we continue to build on the strengths of our partnership and have taken part in some joint events including- Creative Day - with opportunities to take part in music, art, sports and forest school activities; Tiger and Oak classes held a 'Christening'; Ingleborough Residential for Y 5/6 - a great confidence building opportunity with many new experiences which were a challenge for some.



Working with other schools in the area - Advent Service - performing together with other children in front of a large audience, The Big Write - developing our writing skills, Pupil Voice Conference (North Yorkshire Schools) - expressing our views to others; Ambassadors - sharing ideas and planning events for ambassadors from other schools - including our Muddy Boots event at Kirkby Malzeard.



The children at St Nicholas School are very fortunate to have so many opportunities. It is an exciting place to learn and we want the best for all of our children. This year we say goodbye to ten Y6 pupils who are all well prepared for the next step in their journey to high school and we wish them all every success in the future.

All of the staff at St Nicholas School work very hard to ensure the children get a good quality education and I am sure that you will want to join me in thanking them for all of their hard work this year.

Have a great holiday and we look forward to your continued support next year.

Kind regards,
Andrea Peacock