



Dear Parents and Carers

Learning—Laughing—Achieving

Welcome back to school at the start of what I am sure is going to be another exciting term.

Learning – Laughing – Achieving

Our first two days of term have had a geography focus with all of our children completing the British Tour and learning about the human and physical features of different regions in Britain alongside local customs.

Miracle Child

The final day of last term was incredibly special for children, staff and parents alike as we gathered at St Mary's Church for year 4-6's performance of Miracle Child. Our children were fantastic and the play really brought home the true meaning of Christmas. I was blown away by the quality of the acting, dancing and singing and the solos and duets were truly inspiring. To have that much composure and to have dedicated so much time to be able to produce voices like that is genuinely inspiring. Thank you to everyone at home who supported their children in learning lines and making costumes and well done to our children, Miss Harrison and Mrs Wintle in producing such an amazing performance.



Swimming and PE

Please can all children have their PE kits in school next week – we are looking forward to an exciting term of invasion games through netball and basketball; developing different aspects of agility through indoor athletics and creativity through dance. Swimming will also resume for years 3, 5 and 6. There won't be swimming sessions for year 4 at the start of this term.

Winning House

On Monday I will be able to share with our children the winning house from the second half of the Autumn term. Details of the swimming reward will follow!

Joining the team

We have welcomed Mrs Brydon to our teaching team this week as the new class teacher for 3MI; she has had a lovely first two days getting to know all of our children and staff. Next week we will be welcoming Mrs Coward and Mrs Venn to the Mill Rythe family. Mrs Croft and Mrs Orban have joined our cleaning team with Mrs Orban also joining our lunchtime team.

With Miss Ifould leaving us temporarily for the next two terms to become a Mum – she is going to be amazing – I am really pleased to announce that we have appointed Miss Vousden to the position of Assistant Head until the end of the summer term. In the last year she has demonstrated that not only is she an excellent teacher but also that she is a very talented leader. I am looking forward to working with her in her new role.

Clubs for the Spring Term

Our clubs will start up again on Monday 15 January. For your information, details of the clubs on offer will be emailed out today with this letter. Hard copies will follow on Monday, when further details will be available.

Attendance

I am pleased with our overall school attendance at the moment, which was 96.5% for the Autumn Term.

Regular attendance is so important for our children to be able to achieve their full potential at school; for Year 6 children the Spring term is a vital part of their preparation for SATs so can I please ask Year 6 parents to continue to support your children by not booking days out, making sure they are well rested and arriving on time in the mornings. Many thanks.

Have a great weekend.

David Bessant, Headteacher

Diary Dates 2017/18

10th Jan	Open afternoon for Year 2 parents and children 2.00pm
24th Jan	School Nurse drop in, information to follow
24th, 25th Jan	Parents evenings, information to follow
12th Feb	Half term week
14th May	SATs Week

