



Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that another year has passed so quickly. It is incredible to believe that I have been the Headteacher of this incredible school for 5 years now, and what a five years it has been! It is a pleasure to work with such amazing children, talented staff and governors and supportive parents.

This half-term has seen the release of the Key Stage 2 results. Again, our results were above the national average in all areas showing particular strength in Maths and Writing. The one area, although still above national expectations, we will be focussing on next year is Reading. This is very exciting and we are already having excellent discussions about how to make improvements across the school. PTFA have already donated £500 towards new reading books which will enhance our scheme at the top end of Year 2 and into Year 3 and 4. If anybody has any spare time, we are desperate for people to listen to readers. If you are interested please let the front office know. Keep your eyes peeled for lots of reading events happening next year.

So many events have happened in this half term, it is quite something! From Sports Day to Arts Open Evenings, there have been so many exciting things going on and as always the children have shone in all areas.

In last term's newsletter, I informed you about some of the changes in staffing. We are very sad to say goodbye to our fab four, but we do so knowing that they are going onto exciting new adventures. You are aware of Miss Bamford's promotion, Mr Wharfedale's new challenge and Madame Kingham's move to France (brochures in the post!). However, with regret, I recently accepted Helen Gregory's resignation. Helen has been a brilliant member of our Early Years team, whilst also helping out lots and lots with our gardening and bee keeping in school. We will really miss Helen and her family, as they move onto pastures new in Harrogate.

I know sometimes change can be hard but I have always found it exciting. We look forward to welcoming Lee White as our new SENCO and Year 5 teacher, Rebecca Murphy as our new Year 1 teacher, Emilia Jara as our Year 1 Teaching Assistant and Donna Sanderson who will be joining our Early Years team. I am sure we will all give our special Tockwith welcome to all new members of staff.

I would also like to congratulate Zoe Reynolds for passing her Higher Level Teacher Assistant Qualification and I wish Julie Starr best of luck as she will be receiving training towards the HLTA qualification in the new academic year.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a very pleasant summer holiday. May the sun continue to shine!

Justin Reeve

Headteacher



Year 6 Leavers

Sadly, we say good bye to our amazing Year 6 class. It has been a pleasure to see them blossom while they have been at Tockwith. They move onto exciting adventures in their new schools and we look forward to hearing great things.

I am sure they will remember this last half - term for many years to come. They have produced a brilliant set of results in their SATs, entertained us royally and it has been a pleasure to see them enjoy their leaving celebrations so much this week.

They thoroughly enjoyed their bowling and laser quest session at Castleford and even met Percy the Pit Pony!

The highlight of their leaving disco had to be the Ice Cream van. Thank you so much to Mrs Perry for treating us all.





Eric Hood Prince of Loaves

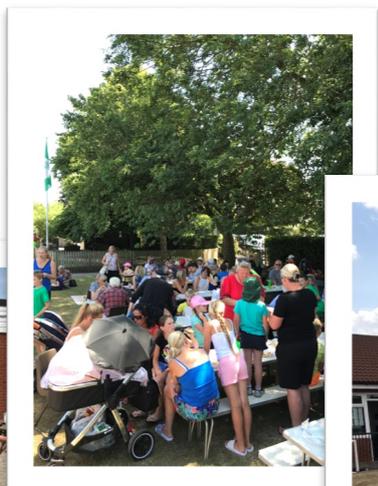
Our Year 5/6 children entertained us this half term with their alternative take on the Robin Hood story, and alternative it was! Great songs, fantastic acting and brilliant audiences. The children peaked for the final performance and I loved the final sing off between parents and children. Awesome effort!





Sports Day

The sun shone again for our sports day stars. As you know the day is split into 2 parts. In the morning, the children participate in games in their key stage. These require a variety of different skills and they work together as a house team. As such, these points dictate who the sports day cup goes to and congratulations to Cromwell who won this year. The afternoon is all about children running against each other and didn't they do well! It was lovely to see all of the children supporting each other and having a go. Thank you to all the support, it was great to see so many parents. This day always has such a special feel to it.





PTFA

What a fantastic year it has been for the PTFA this year. I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA for all their help in supporting the school.

The Summer Gala was very well attended and had a lovely feel to it. It was great to see so many smiles around the place. Even Mr Goodacre and Mr Skidmore smiled whilst sponges were heading towards their faces! Thanks also go to the bands and open mike contributors who entertained us royally. The event itself managed to raise £836 this year. Amazing effort!

Thank you so much to everyone who came and for all the bottle donations.

The PTFA have already agreed to fund £500 worth of Reading Books as well as £200 for books for Mrs Slack to use in her pastoral support.

I can't wait for the Key Stage 1 children to see what is coming for them in September. The PTFA have been busy saving money to pay for a play area for the younger children of the school. The money has been spent and it will be fitted over the summer. How exciting!





Sports Corner

On 11th July thirty two athletes represented our school at the Tadcaster Grammar School Ainsty Sports Day. All pupils came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their races at our own Sports Day or were selected due to other sporting prowess. The afternoon included long jump, sprinting, shot put and obstacle races and everyone had a super time using the grammar school 's equipment and pitches.

Mrs George



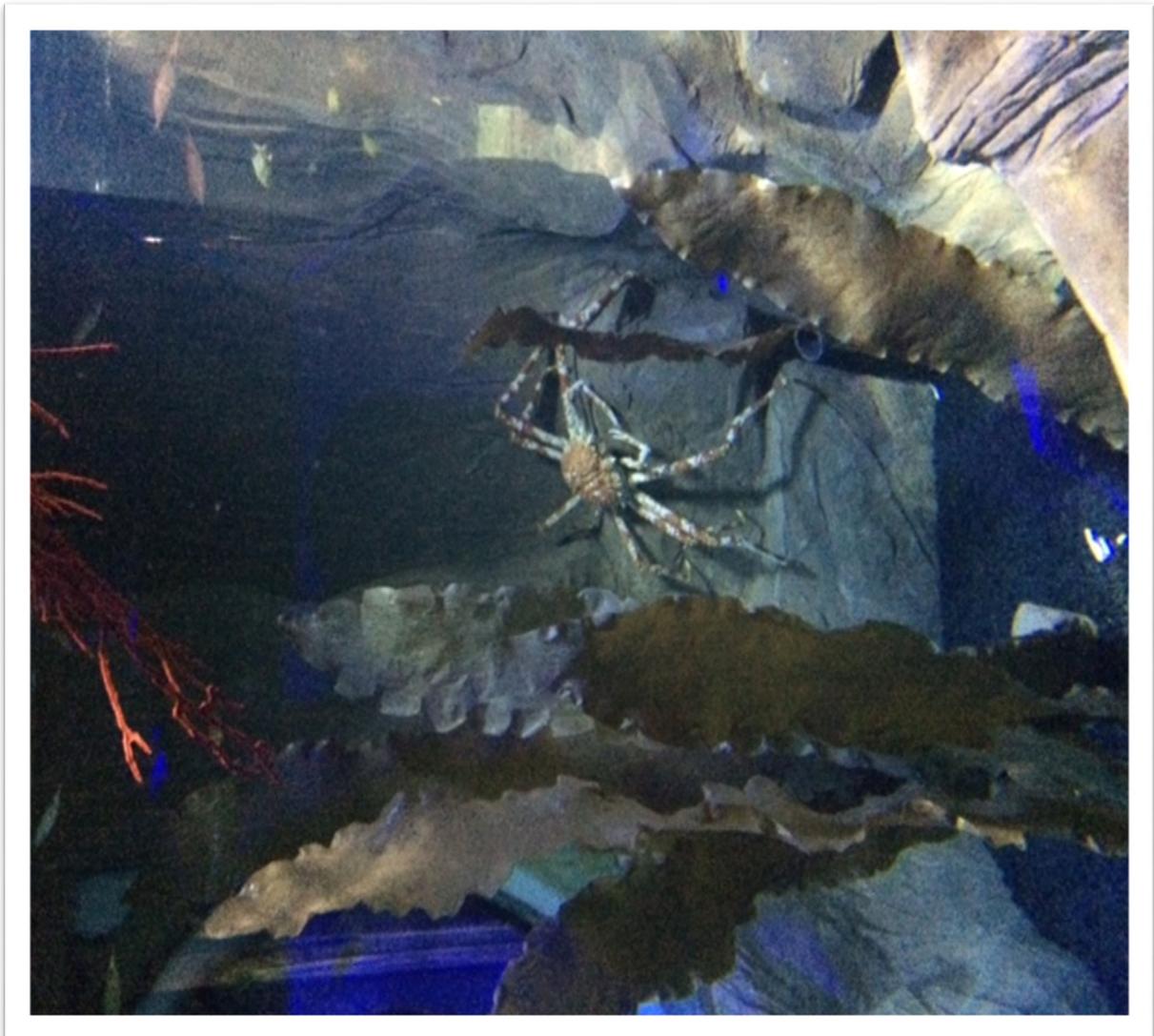


Open the book

We have been so lucky this year to have welcomed the Open the Book Team into school. They have shared stories from the bible with us in very interesting ways, ably assisted by our Year 6 performers. I think the highlight of the year still has to be Mr Wharfedale's performance as Goliath.

Sealife Centre

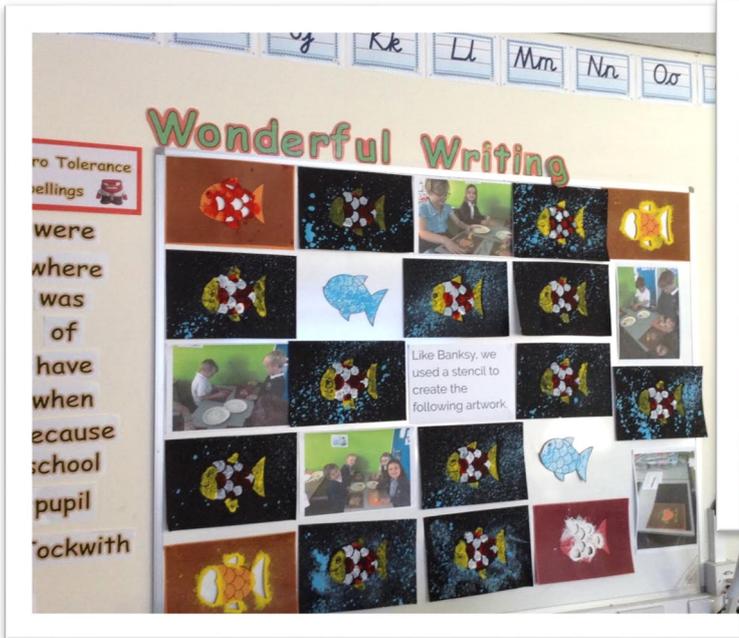
Reception and KS1 had an amazing time at the Sea Life Centre in Scarborough. It was a great way to start the topic and the children had the opportunity to see sharks, penguins, turtles, seals, otters and spider crabs! We were given a guided tour and learnt lots about these fascinating creatures! Mr Skidmore



Open Evening

On a warm Summers afternoon in June, the school opened its classroom doors to present the children's art work. Each class had studied a different artist and then used a variety of different techniques to create paintings, models and collages. From Jackson Pollock in Reception to David Hockney in Year 6, it was clear to see the children had embraced the challenge of creating art to reflect their chosen artist. Many thanks to everyone who attended our Open Evening and we hope you enjoyed walking round the colourful and vibrant classrooms.

Miss Hargreaves



Message from the Chair of Governors

And so we reach the end of our first year as a Full Governing Body of an Ebor Academy School and hasn't the time flown. We have had a very interesting year with lots to occupy our time. Alongside our regular meetings, planning sessions, visits, monitoring, learning walks, catch up sessions with staff and children we have had academy meetings, visits and sessions.

The Ebor Trust has been a mutually beneficial experience so far. Our fantastic staff have had the opportunity to really show off their skills by getting involved in school to school support, by becoming Subject Leaders and Champions, by helping to shape the administration and financial models and by relocating to other Ebor schools where their exemplary practice can be used to help other settings.

The Student programme has in turn brought us excellent educational practitioners who have made a seamless transition into our school. We have been able to welcome many visitors to demonstrate what an amazing school looks like and to share great practice.

At the end of the day it has convinced us that what we have here at Tockwith is so special. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to be part of the process so far and the Governors are very much looking forward to what the new academic year will bring. In the meantime have a lovely break and enjoy the sunshine wherever you may venture.



As the summer progresses, our colony of honey bees continue to thrive in our apiary. With the first crop of honey weighing 40lbs with a takings of £111 towards new bee suits, we look forward to another possible Autumn yield. All pupils in Y4 have now had lessons in beekeeping and have observed the busy colony in action. If you know any volunteers who would like to help please let us know. Special thanks to Mr Simmonds who has been an excellent mentor.

Mrs George