

Message from the Chair of Governors

I, like everyone involved with the school, have had a very busy week. It started with a meeting, alongside our Strategic Planning Group, with North Yorkshire County Council about our expanding school. This was followed by a School Improvement Working Party meeting, to discuss our amazing data, with a Staff and Governor social session in between.

On Tuesday Val and I were at an Ebor Chair's Forum where we reflected on our successful year and our close relationship with the academy.

On Wednesday, I had the joyous task of helping to judge the talent show and house singing and what a lot of talent we saw with many wow moments. You must be so proud of your amazing children. One highlight of the morning was watching every single child focussed, engaged, supportive and singing their socks off for their house, from the youngest to the oldest....it was truly inspiring. Another highlight was hearing Mrs George sing. Such a talented member of staff who I have had the pleasure of working alongside for many years. Her passion for life and living has always been so infectious and what she has brought to the school is truly immeasurable. She will be missed.

On Thursday my day started with a Tockwith Children's Partnership meeting where we discussed the youngest children in our community and our new intake for September and in the afternoon, I attended the Church Leavers Service to say goodbye to our Year 6 children who are moving one more step along the road. They have been a great cohort and I and the Governors wish them every success for the future. As they move on to their next big adventure we very much hope that they will keep us travelling along with them.

So, it's from the old we travel to the new and the Governing Body is very much looking forward to the new opportunities and challenges September will bring. However, before we meet again we hope you all enjoy your Summer Break wherever you may go and whatever you do.

Sue Corbett



Sports Day

The inaugural 'George Games'

We were very fortunate to have perfect weather conditions for our sports day and it brought out the crowds. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed our lovely BBQ and then made their way around to the athletics arena to see the children complete in sprinting races. As always, it ran like clockwork and Mrs George had organised and run the day like a well oiled machine. As parents, you don't get the chance to see the amazing events that happen in the morning. The children compete in events with challenges, jumping, hitting, skipping and many other different activities. It is a pleasure to see the children work as a team and be active for the whole morning. We take the points for the morning events and we combine them with the afternoon's results and work out who the winners are. This year the victors were LUCAS.



Year 6 Play

This year the Year 5/6 production was 'A very fishy business' and it was dazzlingly good. It was a yarn based on the adventures of Sherlock Holmes and his trusty sidekick Watson. The pair of them tried to solve a crime of the murder of JR Skillet, owner of a fish filleting factory, by ensnaring Jack the Kipper. All children had speaking parts and they all performed them confidently, it is a pleasure to be able to watch an hour performance and still be able to hear all the parts so you can track the story. Well done to the children and Mr White and Mrs Perry for treating us to such a delight of a performance. Thank you for all your support with costumes and laughing at all the fish jokes that were peppered through the play. My highlight had to be the cod for tea song, it was a truly remarkable song based on 'Tragedy' by Steps.



Humphrey Head

Mid June, Year 6 took a little trip to the south Lake district to visit Humphrey Head. It was the best residential of all time and we are thankful for the time and effort put towards this once in a lifetime trip. By Poppy

Thank you to Mr Goodacre, Miss Reynolds and Mrs Perry for taking the children away on this adventure and giving up a week away from their families. It is such a fantastic opportunity for our children where they truly explore our core values in a very different setting. Thank you to Mrs Spurr and Mrs Cook for all the hard work preparing for the trip and thank you to you for paying and trusting us with your amazing children.



Cycling year 6

On the 15th July Mrs George took us out onto the playground and taught us how to turn left, right and slowing down on our bikes. We also learnt the importance of chin straps, lights, reflectors and cameras. Then Mrs Perry took us out on a little obstacle course. Cones were placed in shapes like cars. Then we had to look behind and stop at cross roads. We are looking forward to practising with our adults on safe cycle tracks. Ellie.

Tockwith's Got Talent

I cannot believe another academic year has passed! One of the highlights of the year for me has to be the annual Tockwith's Got Talent and WOW does the school have talent! The energy of the audience was electric and this definitely helped our performers on stage. We were entertained with jokes, dancing, singing and even horse jumping! Well done to all children who took to the stage, it isn't easy performing to a room filled with people. A huge thank you to our fantastic judges, Mrs Corbett, Mrs Hackforth and our very own Tockwith legend, Mrs George. Congratulations to our winner Isaac who amazed us with his performance of 'jump' on the drums. Our runners up, Chloe, Elsie, Florrie (year 3) and Abbie (year 2) were also superb performers. I hope to see some familiar faces in front of the real Simon Cowell in a few years time!
Miss Hargreaves



Over the past few weeks the children have been intensely rehearsing for the annual 'inter-house music competition'. This year the theme was 'movies' and it was fantastic to see the variety of songs sung by each house. All children sang their hearts out and the volume created was truly amazing, well done to all involved! The joint winners this year were Rupert, who entertained us by singing about the world, and Cromwell, who sang a jazzy number from Zootopia. Congratulations to both!
Miss Hargreaves



Summer Gala

What an amazing event the summer fayre was. It was fantastic to see so many people come and join in the fun with us. Not only is it an event for the community to enjoy it is something that raises a significant amount of money for the school.

This year we raised over £1110!! This is £385 more than last year and a perfect final hurrah for Bruce Predergast who will be leaving us as chair at the end of this year. I would like to thank Bruce for his time and dedication to the cause but onwards and upwards. I would also like to thank everyone who helped organise, man stalls, bake, tidy way etc. Such an amazing team effort especially considering the sudden end with the rain!

Thanks also to the singers and the bands and Mr Crilley who gave up his own time to allow the band to perform.

We have an amazing team who will now lead us into 2018/19... more to follow...



Shelter

You might have noticed a new addition to our school field recently. We have always been concerned by the lack of shelter from the sun in the summer and the PTFA have kindly funded a 9m by 3m shelter. It is a fantastic resource that will, I am sure, be used for years by children and adults. Thank you very much to our PTFA who help to fund the extras in school.



Honey

Once again, our bees produced honey and over £80 was raised from our sales on Monday. Thanks to everyone who bought jars of our pure, craft, mixed floral honey. JG



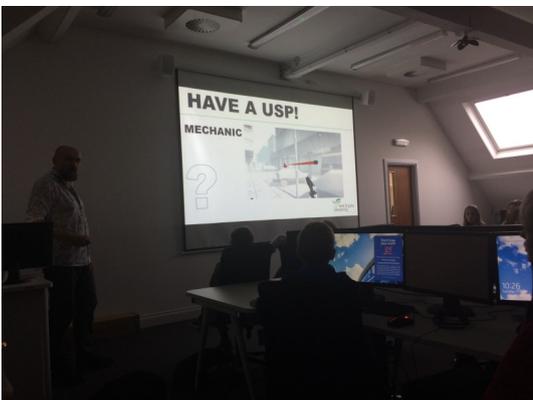
Skipton Castle Year 1 and 2

Year 1 and 2 explored the magnificent Skipton castle during a school trip in June. We have been learning all about castles and knights and this was a perfect summary of our topic. We went on a guided tour around the grounds and learnt about the different rooms and how they were used in medieval times. Everybody loved shooting an arrow out of an arrow slit at the top of the castle!



Year 5 Virtual Reality Adventure

Ten lucky pupils got the chance to visit York St John University in June to learn all about game design and Virtual Reality. They got to experiment with some of the latest technology and even learn how characters are developed. It was nice to see our children collaborate with the children from Park Grove and Haxby Road. The highlight for many was using the new virtual reality paint packages. The future is exciting!



Roman Feast

Children in Year 3 and 4 held a Roman feast last week to finalise their topic on Romans. The children brought in sheets and dressed up as Romans and enjoyed an authentic feast of olives, cheese and bread!



Links to help reading

I shared this last time but well worth a look for Key Stage 2 children

<http://churchfieldsjunior.com/reading-express/> - amazing interactive site for KS2 readers. Book recommendations split into different categories. Set out as a tube map.

Twitter

We are now up 179 followers on our @tockwithcofe page. It is an excellent way of keeping up on latest news or wider issues in Education. Some of teachers are on twitter as well so

OFSTED

This term has seen a change to the OFSTED inspection regime. Below is a guide that has been produced for parents. We have been really pleased to read about an increased focus on the curriculum.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byaUliCMi9E>

Since we became an Academy, 1st November 2017, 5 parents have given their views of the school on the parent view website. The website is <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and your views would be gratefully received.

Junior Road Safety Officers

Thank you very much to our Road Safety Officers who have really helped to keep our children safe on their way to school. They have also been on duty watching for turning in the wrong areas and also have upped the anti on seatbelts. I am delighted with this— Seatbelts are not an option. I read today that they are thinking of putting points on peoples licenses for not wearing them as well as a fine. It is not worth the gamble surely.