



16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it is the end of another unusual year, and we have finally made it! With so much disruption along the way, it has been great to manage a residential, some trips out, a Leavers Celebration and a final worship. As we wave off the Year 6 for their exciting next step in education, we also say a fond farewell to Miss Thomas as she heads off to Cornwall to begin a new teaching position. Each and everyone of our leavers will be missed and have helped shape our wonderful school family.

I know like me, many of you will be ready for the break-away from school and home schooling. I have been so impressed by how well our pupils have adapted to so many changes but I have been blown away by the dedication and support you have all shown the children and the staff. I cannot put into words my gratitude for the consideration, compassion, understanding and care that has been shown over the last year, you are a credit to this community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Governors, especially Mr Brown, our school Chair, who has continued to support Forest School alongside Miss Beswetherick and been on hand to offer support for all staff during this time. A BIG thankyou to all the staff, who have worked hard this year to maintain some 'normality' amongst the confusion and disruption. A special thank you to Miss Riley, who has been a constant support throughout the past year and ensured that I kept on the ball with all the bureaucracy created during these difficult times, whilst trying to keep up with the day-to-day work of running a school.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." —JFK

Along with the new starters joining the school in September, we also have a new Parent Governor, Jennie Cousins. Many of you will know Jennie who has a daughter leaving the school this year and a son who joined Little Owls at Easter. Jennie is a former Yealand pupil too and so her support on the Governing Board is very much appreciated. We all look forward to working with Jennie alongside the dedicated team of Yealand Governors.

Over the holidays I will be picking up my emails and Reminds if there are any queries about the school year or if you need to get in touch for any other reason. However, for your reference I will not be accessing emails from Saturday 24th July until Sunday 1st August.

Have a wonderful Summer break and I look forward to welcoming you back on **Thursday 2nd September** along with 7 new starters to our school family.

Best wishes and take care, Katrina Gale

