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*Working **together** to be the **best** that we can be.*

Happiness

Perserverance

Resilience

Kindness

Friendship

Respect



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Dear parents and carers,

Apologies for the radio-silence this week – I have been supporting Miss Peak and Mrs Fitzpatrick with their residential visit.

It seems only five minutes since we were welcoming the children back after Christmas and here we are at the Easter holidays! It has been an exhausting but fantastic term, full of more 'normal' school routines and incredible PTFA activities and fun!

Lots of children participated in the Easter Bonnet competition, and welcoming families into school once again was an amazing feeling!

This week Willow Class have been on a residential trip to Carlton Lodge near Thirsk, they have all had a wonderful time. It has been wonderful to witness the friendships formed between the children at both schools. These children have not been anywhere for the last two years during Covid, and so it has been particularly heart-warming for the whole staff team to witness each child grown in confidence and self-belief as they have tackled the challenges.

We have posted many pictures on Twitter (more to follow later outlining today's activities!) These long visits take months to prepare for right from the initial administration, to getting the risk assessments agreed by the Local Authority and to the operational management of staffing it.

It requires an incredible commitment from the whole staff team – those back at school are often covering for those who are away, and every member of staff away on the trip work relentlessly over 16+ hour days with very little down time. I am very thankful for our incredible team and would like to acknowledge the care and nurture that they have provided for the children at both schools.

Did you know that you can view the Federation Twitter account without needing to log in? Simply search Google for '**Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation twitter account**' and you will be able to view everything we have been up to in school and on residential.

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Thank you to Mrs Fitzpatrick, Miss Peak, Miss Kirby, Mrs Keyse, Mrs Wastling, Miss Nutter and Mrs Mattox. I was delighted to spend my time with them as they each help the children to challenge themselves and grow in confidence. Our children are so very lucky to have committed and enthusiastic federation team full of staff members like you!



Miss Bartlett (our Federation Science and P.E coordinator and Sicklinghall Cherry Blossom Teacher) will be leaving us today to head off on maternity leave. Miss Bartlett is a very special Teacher and we will miss her dearly until she returns. We wish her all the best with her new arrival and very much look forward to seeing her again soon.

Miss Bartlett has been fantastic over the last few months, working with as much energy and enthusiasm for the federation as she always does, even though her baby is due to arrive imminently! I'm sure parents and carers will join me in wishing her the best over the coming months.

When we return after the Easter Holidays we will send you an update!

Following several weeks of handover, Miss Walsh will take over the day to day running of the class with the continued support of Mrs Johnson-Ware and Mrs Brown. Miss Walsh has worked under Miss Bartlett's excellent guidance and is ready to take the reins in her absence. The children adore her, and we couldn't think of any better to take over.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday with your family and friends, and hopefully we'll continue to see some sunshine and warmer weather.

School re-opens on Monday 25th April – we'll see you then!

Mrs Ellis
Federation Headteacher

