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

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Kindness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school!

The new academic year has started and things feel immediately more positive for the very simple reason that we have been able to see many of you face to face on the playground and actually stop to chat! Thank you for all the ‘congratulations’ you have given me – I am still not quite used to my new name!

Mrs Richards has been with us for a full year now - she has finally been able meet the parents of the children she knows so well! Do say hello when you see her on the playground.

The residential has been booked – more details to follow in due course - and we have been discussing plans with **PTFA** for the year ahead our Church services have been booked too. We can't wait for the children and parents to enjoy plans that we have for this year.

Curriculum Learning

Please have a look at the Class Pages on the Website as so much wonderful learning has happened already since we have been back at school!

The screenshot shows the school's website header with the logo, navigation links (HOME, INFORMATION, PARENTS, CLASSES, LEARNING, ACTIVITIES, CALENDAR), and a search bar. Below the header, the 'Classes' section is visible, featuring three class pages: 'Cherry Blossom - EYFS & KS1', 'Silver Birch - Y3 & Y4', and 'Willow - Y5 & Y6'. Each class page includes a representative photo and a caption.

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We enjoyed our first WHOLE SCHOOL Celebration Worship Assembly since before Covid – lots of children will be coming home with our Values certificates, Handwriting Certificates and Star of the Week Certificates today and in the coming weeks.



Our current Year 6 children also received their Blue Peter 'Green Badge' too this week – they worked hard on their climate pledges at the end of last year. We are hoping to post the badges to the pupils who are now in Year 7!

Interventions and Support



Due to the significant loss of curriculum time during the pandemic, it is likely that most children will need some additional support this year - this may be academic, or to support their Social, Emotional and Mental Health or SEND needs. Interventions may target children who need to catch up and also children who are targeted to achieve Greater Depth to ensure that have consolidated and understood concepts taught in lessons.

Interventions may be a one off, ad-hoc, weekly, or for a set period e.g. a half term or term either individually or in small groups. These are carefully planned by Teachers alongside the HT, AHT and SENCO. As a Governing Board, we understand the value of interventions and the impact they can have on a child's confidence. If you have any questions, please speak to the class teacher.

Leadership Across the Federation

Between Mrs Richards and myself, our aim is for one of us to see parents either at the start or end of the day on the playground as much as possible.

Mrs Richards works every Monday – Wednesday. Usually, on Mondays Mrs Richards will be at Goldsborough and I will be at Sicklinghall. Wednesday is our Strategic Development Day and usually is packed full of meetings and trainings so we will not be on the playground on that day.

On Thursdays and Fridays, I will aim to be across both schools. We know that this doesn't always go to plan!

If you need to chat to us about anything, you can call us at either school or send an email to the administrator and we will get back to you to offer our support as soon as we can.

So that you have plenty of notice around your working schedule, we will aim to put as many dates for the year on the website calendar. Please check this frequently for updates. We will continue to share dates for the half term on the Curriculum Newsletters that are at the start of every half term and other Newsletters too.

Key dates to help you plan:

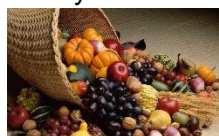
Sicklinghall Coffee Morning – all welcome

Tuesday 28th September – 9am – 10:15am



Harvest

Friday 22nd October - 9:30am – Sicklinghall



Parent and Carer Consultations for Autumn



Monday 1st November (1-6pm) and Wednesday 3rd November (3:30pm – 5:30pm) – these will be in person so that you can enjoy looking at your child's work and discuss this with the Class Teacher. We will also facilitate a meeting via telephone or Teams for those who prefer them this way.

Class Assembly

Monday 22nd November - 2.45-3.30pm – Cherry Blossom

Thursday 25th November - 2.45-3.30pm – Silver Birch

Monday 29th November - 2.45-3.30pm – Willow



Nativity – EYFS and KS1

Tuesday 14th December – 9:30am and 1:30pm

KS2 Carols – KS2

Wednesday 15th December – 9:30am and 1:30pm

German Market children's enterprise stalls in school 2.30-3.30pm TBC

Thank you for your continued support – it is fantastic that we can all work together to make each school in our federation the best that it can be.

Zoe Ellis

Headteacher