

16th October 2020

### Message from Mrs Gale

As we come to the end of this half term's penultimate week, my thoughts have become reflective. Everyone has now settled back into school; the Reception children are very much part of Robin Class and Year 6s are embracing their role as the oldest children in the school. There has been time to discuss the World, our families, Lockdown, the coronavirus and more importantly, the future. It is fantastic that our children look at the future with optimism and hope, which can often be heard in their conversations and plans, 'You can come to play at my house when the virus has gone', 'We'll be able to go on a holiday soon'. It is that reality that makes school such a special and amazing place to be and work. There isn't a day goes by when I over hear something that lifts my heart or see something that brings a smile to my face. I think if we could bottle it and sell it, Yealand would be a very rich school. With Winter approaching and no end in sight to the restrictions in place, we will strive to maintain the schools' mantra to

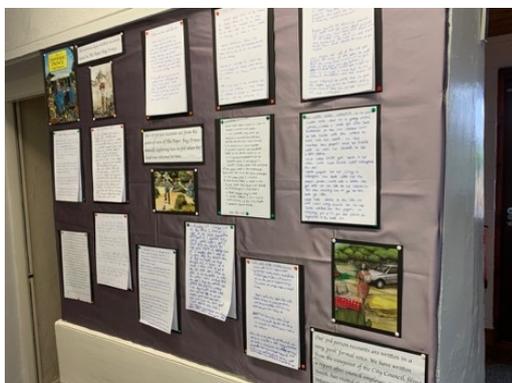
**Inspire ★ Believe ★ Achieve**

Following interviews with myself and some very difficult decisions, I am pleased to announce this year's Chicken Crew are Toby, Harry, Evie and Maisie. The children have elected this year's School Council; Maisie, Evie, Alesha, Toby, Tia and Alison. The Chicken Crew have received their badges today during the Celebration Worship, School Council will receive their badges as soon as they arrive, which hopefully will be before the half term. The Worship Team this year are Tommy, Zoe, Catherine, Lottie, and Georgia, badges are also en route.

On Friday 23rd October we celebrate the end of this half term with a mufti day to raise funds for NSPCC please remember to bring along your donations.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, enjoy the Autumnal sunshine,  
Mrs Katrina Gale

As parents are unable to come in to school at the moment, I have photographed some of the lovely displays of children's work in school.



Swallow Class, The Paperbag Prince work – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> recounts, beautifully written.

Robin's Picasso portraits completed with Mrs Tobin.



Robin's Self-Portraits and artwork.

## Letter from Friends of Yealand

Friends of Yealand exists to help the school run events throughout the year which not only provide income but also provide opportunities for our community to socialise. Friends is made up of volunteers who give up their time to help organise and run events such as Movie nights, Summer fair and school disco's. Due to some children moving on to high school we now have less people to help run these events and need your help to ensure we can still provide some additional opportunities for the children. This may be that you are able to help at one particular event throughout the year or that you are willing to take a more active role within Friends.

The money generated by Friends last year helped to pay for the following:

- Coach transportation to the Christmas Pantomime
- Year 6 Leavers Gifts
- Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
- Contribution to the cost of keeping the school minibus running

Without Friends non of the above can happen.

Things are obviously a little different this year but we will still try to ensure that the school remains as active as possible generating additional income, this may mean that there will be less physical help required in school but we still need our Friends to ensure that our plans can be achieved.

If you have any questions about what may be required please speak to Mrs Gale or Miss Riley who will be happy to talk to you about what becoming part of Friends entails, remember family members and grandparents can also be part of this team and if everyone plays their part it really isn't a big job. It would be such a shame for the children to miss out on additional fun activities because we do not have enough people to help us out.

