

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

WHINMOOR



ST DAVID'S

C of E Primary School

Dear Families,

13.01.22

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of our children and families back to school this term. Thank you to all those parents and carers who have made sure their children are in the correct school uniform and are on time. This makes such a positive contribution to their 'readiness to learn.' We know some families and members of our school community are still adversely effected by the pandemic and have had a difficult start to the year. We hold them in our prayers. Please remember that if your child is isolating, yet well enough to do a little work, we upload home learning each Tuesday morning to our website class pages, which will help them keep up to date with what the children are doing in school whilst they are at home.

### **Message from Mrs. Sharkey**

**Worship Committee:** Mrs Sharkey would like to welcome our new members of the worship committee for this term and is looking forward to meeting with them to promote Collective Worship around our school. So far, the Worship Committee have consulted over our school values, designed Christmas cards for the Seacroft Parish and helped to deliver whole school celebrations such as Harvest Festival and the Christmas Carol Service. Mrs Sharkey would like to thank previous members for all their hard work and contributions. Throughout the spring term, members will be involved in a range of exciting projects including creating a whole school prayer, designing a 'Values Tree' to be displayed in classes and around school, as well as leading prayers and Bible readings in collective worship. Keep an eye on our Twitter page and school website for all the most recent news from our fantastic Worship Committee!

### **Message from Mrs. Lindley**

**Eco Warriors:** Mrs Lindley would like to welcome the new Eco Warriors to their role and is looking forward to working alongside them to make our school an eco-friendlier environment. Last term the Eco Warriors were involved in reducing the schools electricity usage by taking responsibility for turning off devices when not needed and supporting their class in not wasting water. This term they will be looking at the nature area and outside environment, as they work to make them more bird and insect friendly. They will be creating bee houses and bird boxes to encourage more wildlife to our school. They will also support their classes, as each class is given an area of planting space to look after and grow insect friendly plants and flowers. They will be looking to the wider community and organising a litter pick in the local area to improve the environment for all. It will be another exciting term in which they will work to make positive changes for all.

### **Message from Mrs. Deverill**

**Understanding Consent:** During the week of the 24th January 2022, the whole school will have a focused week helping children to understand the meaning of 'consent.' It is essential that children are aware of body boundaries, both theirs and others. This ranges from asking a child if they are happy for someone to help put their coat on for them to asking for a hug or taking photographs of others. The week will consist of a whole school text, assemblies and age-appropriate activities covered within PSHE. We believe teaching about respectful relationships is important from a young age and will help children to understand how they should expect to be treated by others. We feel that this will be such a valuable learning experience for the children.

**Wellbeing:** At Whinmoor St Paul's we have Wellbeing Ambassadors in Year 5 and Year 6. These children successfully applied for these important positions and support us in raising the profile of wellbeing across the school. This half term they will be working with several year groups, sharing some techniques to help in stressful situations. They will also support their teachers when delivering work as part of our Understanding Consent work. They are all keen and enthusiastic and a great asset to the school.

### **Message from Miss Naylor**

**School Council:** Miss Naylor would like to say a warm welcome to the new School Council members elected for the spring term. Our School Council members further promote the pupil voice around school. We care about what our children think and take their opinions seriously. We will also be working on some exciting fundraising projects in aid of our new school library. Last term, the School Council did a super job choosing a design for our outdoor mural and I am pleased to say it is looking fabulous and will be coming soon, as the weather improves over the coming weeks.

### **Message from Mrs. Wallis**

Congratulations to all our Sports Leaders who have been nominated for the spring term ahead. This term our Sports Leaders will be working hard to support their classes to ensure that playtimes are full of exciting outdoor activities and that all equipment is ready to be enjoyed. Each playtime equipment box has been filled with lots of new equipment. Our Sports Leaders will meet on a bi-weekly basis to discuss how we can further improve physical activity at Whinmoor St Pauls and within our school community. After our first meeting, they had lots of really exciting ideas going forward, so watch this space.

Reminder: Please ensure your child is in the correct PE kit. This is part of our uniform policy.

### **School Business Manager**

We are delighted to report that we have successfully recruited a new business manager, Miss Brew, who joined our team on Monday. Miss Brew has already 'hit the ground running' and has very much enjoyed getting to know our children and some of our families. I know families will make Miss Brew very welcome. Please do say 'hello' if you see her and introduce yourselves.

### **Message from West Yorkshire Police**

Please see the attached flyer regarding parking at drop off and collection times at school. Officers have agreed to patrol the area, moving forward.

### **Reminder: Spring term**

### **Weather:**

As we move into the spring term, we will always endeavour to keep our school open. However, if we have a serious snowfall overnight and are not able to open, we will inform families as soon as possible by sending a text, sending a tweet and uploading information onto the school's website. We will also inform local radio stations. Please remember that if children wear wellington or winter boots to school, they will need a change of shoes for the day. Either their black school shoes or pumps. If you can send a peg (labelled with your child's name) to keep the wellies together, we would be grateful.

As always, we thank you for your continued support at this time and look forward to a productive and joyful term, as we head into spring.

Miss McBride  
Head teacher

