



### **Message from Mrs Mitcheson**

**I would like to begin by mentioning how extremely proud I am of all of our children and everything they have had to overcome during this pandemic. I hope you enjoyed your conversations with class teachers during parents evening. The children should also be proud of their achievements!**

**Children attending school, when they are well enough to do so, is extremely important. We are delighted with attendance currently. Thank you!**

**We hope all of our families who celebrated Eid recently had a wonderful time!**

### **Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)**

We are very much looking forward to developing our 'Outdoor play and learning' over next term - you may have spotted our new addition (a boat) which will be part of our 'seaside area', complete with giant sandpit!



Play is great for children's well-being and development and our amazing school site, if quality play opportunities are provided, is a perfect space for children to experience play and develop lots of important life-long skills. After the half term holiday, Mrs Mitcheson will be inviting you to a Zoom meeting to explain in more detail this change to our outdoor area.

### **Plans afoot!**

In the summer term (as we approach the 4th part of the Prime Minister's Road Map), we are hoping to put on some events for the children and you as parents/carers.

Year 6 are going to have a 'summer camp' treat, which will feature a BBQ, outdoor games and a 'sleepover'. We are also hoping to have a Summer Fair (details to follow on how this will be organised), a Prom for Year 6, a Graduation for our Early Years children and our Annual Sports Day. Watch out for the details after half term.



### Early Years

This year, we have created a wonderful Early Years Unit, which hosts both Reception and Nursery children. There are so many wonderful and exciting opportunities happening for our youngest children to thrive and learn; they never cease to make us smile! Teaching and learning is tailored to suit the needs of individual children and it lovely to see them growing in confidence and independence on a daily basis. We currently have places for Nursery and Reception children for next academic year.

If you know of anybody who has yet to apply for a place, please ask them to contact the school office!

### Ofsted

**As you know, we had a virtual Ofsted visit before the Easter Holidays and the report is now on the website. It was a monitoring visit to focus on school priorities and to determine if school is effective in driving forward these priorities and how we have worked through the pandemic.**

**It was an extremely positive experience and lovely to hear that Ofsted believe we are moving in the right direction. We will expect a full Ofsted during the next academic year. We will continue to work extremely hard to achieve our priorities and be the very best school that we can be for our CHILDREN!**

### Wellies

A plea for wellies!

To help with our outdoor play and learning, children will need to wear wellies if the weather is poor. We have purchased wellies to help children with this, however; it would also be appreciated if parents sent any wellies into school that they no longer use.



### OPEN EVENINGS 2021

Thank you to all of those parents who made themselves available to speak to teachers about the progress of their children via zoom or phone call. If you have not been able to speak to a teacher about your child please contact the school office to make an appointment.