



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I would like to begin by thanking our teachers for their hard work in preparing assessments and organising parent meetings. A great deal of time, care and professional judgement goes into this process, and we are grateful for their continued dedication. We hope that you found the meetings useful and that they offered a clear overview of how your child is progressing, as well as their next steps.

We are also delighted to share that our Wrap Around Care team received *5 stars* for hygiene during an unannounced inspection this week. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the team's commitment to providing a high-quality, safe environment for our children. Well done to everyone involved.

This week, we welcomed Mr Britton, a CEO from York, and Mrs Swinburne, who visited the academy to see us in action. They were extremely complimentary about our junior leaders and the academy's strong focus on school improvement and maintaining high standards. It was wonderful to hear such positive feedback about the children and the work happening across the school.

The academy is sounding particularly lovely at the moment as the children are busy practising for their Christmas performances. There is a real sense of excitement building, and we are looking forward to sharing these special moments with you soon.

As we approach the end of term, we will sadly be saying goodbye to **Mrs Lockwood**, who is retiring at Christmas. She has been a much-valued member of our team, and both staff and children have been lucky to benefit from her care, support and kindness. We will miss her greatly and wish her the very best for a happy and relaxing retirement.

During our recent INSET day, staff engaged in highly valuable professional development. Some colleagues completed paediatric first aid training, while others worked with the manager of WESEND on training focused on autism and anxiety. We have so many strong practices in place to support children across the school, and we will begin sharing more detail about this work in future newsletters so that parents are aware of the support available as part of our everyday provision.

I have been asked by some parents to remind drivers about the importance of parking safely and respectfully when dropping off and collecting children. We have had several concerns raised about unsafe and inconsiderate parking, which has resulted in some children being forced onto the road instead of being able to walk safely along the pavement. Please support us in keeping all pupils safe by ensuring your parking does not put others at risk.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Dates:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Reception Class Stay and play 8:35-9a.m.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Last day to buy Santa Tickets for Christmas Fair.

