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As we reach the end of another great year, I would like to extend my thanks to the whole school community. It has been wonderful to get back to near normal following the disruption of the last 2 years. We have had so many exciting opportunities this year and it is great to see how the children have grown and flourished.

Year 6 Leavers

The time has come for us to bid a fond farewell to our fabulous Year 6 children. We wish them all the very best as they begin their next journey through secondary school. We hope to hear how they are getting on and know they will all be stars in their own right. Thank you to Mrs Foster, Mrs Hartely-Dell, Mrs Burton and Mrs Horrocks for all the preparation leading up to the graduation event / Leavers' assembly which took place today – it was emotional! Last but not least, a huge thank you to our fabulous PTA for the wonderful year book and disco to send our Year sixes on their way. Year 6 - you are all fabulous! Your Pollington family will miss you. Please drop in and let us know how you are getting on.

A fond farewell

We also say a fond farewell to Mrs South, Mrs de Bethel, and Miss Fisher. They have all been fabulous additions to our team over the last couple of terms and we wish them well in their futures. Thank you also to Miss Biddle who has been such a support in Class 1 and Class 2 this year.

School Games Mark Award!

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the BRONZE award for the School Games Mark. This is a fabulous achievement for our little school and I would like to thank and congratulate everyone who contributed to this success – children, staff and of course parents who transported children to sporting events. Next year, we are striving for silver and maybe even gold!

Welcome and welcome back!

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Backhouse to our team as she joins Mrs Blades to teach Class 3. Another warm welcome to Ms Wood who will be joining our team as a teaching assistant in September.

We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs McIntyre to Class 2.

Congratulations to Miss Walton on her

marriage. We will welcome her back to Class 1 as Mrs Batty.



Classes for Next Year

Class 1 – Mrs Batty & Mrs Bodle

Class 2 – Mrs McIntyre

Class 3 – Mrs Blades & Mrs Backhouse

Class 4 – Miss Habbishaw

Class 5 – Mrs Foster

Extra Curricular

Forest School lessons will be continuing next year. Laura has asked if anyone has any old pots and pans that would be suitable for us to use, she would be very grateful. Please bring them to school in September. Thank you!

Mrs Calvert will be returning to deliver whole class ensemble and music for well-being next year.

Jack will continue to deliver PE on Fridays.

Peripatetic music lessons will continue next year as arranged.

Bishop's Badge Competition

Children from Pollington-Balne took part in a competition to design a badge for the Bishop. There were 743 entries!

'Bishop Sophie and the team were so impressed with the quality of designs entered that an additional category for special commendations has been created. The following children from your school have been awarded a special commendation from Bishop Sophie:

Lucia P (aged 9) – shortlisted to final 30

Isaac BI (aged 8)

Eli H (aged 7)

Nancy M (aged 8)

Keira P (aged 6)

These children and their families will be invited to a celebration event in the autumn where they will receive a commendation certificate.

Well done to all who took part and a very special well done to the above children. What a fantastic achievement!

To find out more and see the winning designs, visit <https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/winner-of-bishops-badges-competition-announced/>

Federation

In September, as explained by the chairs of governors, we will become federated with Cowick Primary School. This is an exciting opportunity for us and we look forward to embarking on the next stage of our journey. The identities of each school will remain the same, but it is an opportunity for 2 small schools to come together in stronger collaboration. Thank you for your support.

My thanks go to my fabulous team who have worked flat out to ensure we have had another great year.

Finally, a massive thank you to you, our parents and carers for all of your support. We would not have been able to have had such an amazing year without you all behind us.

Have a great summer!

Kindest Regards

Mrs K. Rawes



Reminders

✓ Back to school Wed 6/9/2023

✓ Please ensure children have the correct uniform

Attendance to date: 94.78%
Unauthorised absences: 1.6%
Authorised absences: 3.61%

Forgiveness Trust Friendship

Respect