



## Head Teacher's Newsletter January 2017

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the children back after the Christmas break and introduce myself to you as the new Head Teacher at Park End Primary School.

Firstly, let me begin by saying what a privilege it is to have been chosen to lead this school forward on the next part of its journey.

I strongly believe that all children should enjoy learning, be actively engaged in their learning, be motivated, know what experiencing success looks and feels like, make consistent progress and have high expectations of what they can achieve so they can succeed in their chosen future.

The impact the family has on children and their learning is crucial, so I will be seeking ways to actively involve you more in your children's education as well as involving the wider community in the life of the school. Your thoughts and views on how we can all work together in a meaningful way are always welcome. I am planning to host some parents meetings over the Spring and Summer term, which will give you the opportunity to express your views on different aspects of school life. The dates of all events will be sent out via newsletters.

There is also a parent's questionnaire available on our school website for any parent to contribute any early ideas. I would really value all parent's contributions and the questionnaire is anonymous.

2017 is also a year in which we will be celebrating our school's 60th anniversary. We will be celebrating it 'big style' and look forward to involving you all in this event. Dates and information will be sent out to parents in forthcoming newsletters.

The term ahead is set to be a busy time for everyone. Your continued support and interest in the school is paramount to our success and on-going development and I look forward to this continuing.

The staff join me in wishing all of our families a happy, safe, peaceful and healthy new year.

Mrs J.C. Rodwell  
Head Teacher

### **General Information**

As many of you are aware we are an over-subscribed school and currently have 540 children on role. This can make Celebration and other school events very difficult to accommodate. I am considering different ways that we can split events such as fayres and assemblies to make it a more pleasurable experience. As a start we will trial hosting Celebration Assemblies on a Friday at different times for each Key Stage.

- Key Stage 2 ( Years 3-6) will be held at 2.15pm
- Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1-2) 2.35pm

Parents will continue to be informed if your child has been selected for 'Pupil of the Week', however we will now contact you via text message. Please ensure that you keep your contact details up to date.

### **Annual Reports**

We will be hosting parent's evenings over several nights throughout the Spring term to ensure parents have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps in a meaningful and manageable way.

### **Attendance**

We have many children who attend school regularly and achieve 100% attendance. This is commendable. Well done- Keep this up!  
Unfortunately, a small number of pupils continue to cause concern. Occasional absences can have a detrimental effect when children are engaged in a sequence of lessons. Please make every effort to ensure your child attends school on time every day.

### **January Diary Dates**

10<sup>th</sup> January - Year1 Trip to Seven Stories Newcastle  
11<sup>th</sup> January - Poverty Proof Researchers in school  
12<sup>th</sup> January - Parents Drop In Sessions  
16<sup>th</sup> January - Reception Trip Seven Stories Newcastle  
26<sup>th</sup> January - Years 5 & 6 Swimming Gala  
31<sup>st</sup> January - Murderous Maths Day in school - Years 1 - 6

