



October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## FAITH IN OUR SCHOOL

### Our Vision

With God's help, our school provides children with a safe, inspiring and nurturing learning environment. A place where children and community can thrive, achieve and develop life-long skills. Rich learning experiences will ignite desire to learn, achieving success. By raising aspirations and instilling self-belief, children are enabled to lead a fulfilled life, contributing to the community and beyond.

**Forgiveness** is the value children have been reflecting on during collective worship this half-term as part of our focus on the words of Jesus. One of the parables we have discussed is:



**Matthew 18 21-22**

### Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

***<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"***

***<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times"***

### Prayer

When things are broken - help us to forgive one another  
When friends let us down - help us to forgive one another  
When life seems unfair - help us to forgive one another  
Amen

## FAREWELL FROM MISS WHITE

Sadly, this is the last letter I will be writing as the Principal of Westminster C of E Primary. It has been a privilege to lead this school for the last four or so years. The pupils at this school are amazing and a delight to teach; this is a credit to you as their parents and the wonderful teachers at our school. The school is in a strong position now, with significantly improved outcomes, better communication and considerably better resourced.

I would like to thank you all for your support over the last few years and hope that your children will succeed because of their time at the school and have memorable experiences as they journey through the school.

BDAT and the governors, were unable to recruit a replacement Principal, so Mrs Woollard, Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Rumford, will lead the school as Associate Principals, until September 2021. They will be supported by BDAT and a consultant head teacher – Mrs Whetham, who leads an outstanding school in Halifax.



## COVID

Thank you to all our parents who have cooperated so well with all the processes and procedures we have had to put into place to keep parents and children safe at the beginning and end of the day. We have now had four positive cases in school, but thankfully no-one else has caught COVID from any of these individual cases. This shows our procedures in school are keeping the disease from spreading. Children have behaved outstandingly well and our youngest children in Early Years have settled very quickly into class this year.

## LEARNING FROM HOME

We continue to develop our learning from home resources. If children are self-isolating or their class is asked to stay at home, the government expect them to complete work. We have sent home a Maths and English CGP workbook that children can complete and there is a timetable of activities on our website that match what they would have been covering in class. <https://westminsterschool.co.uk/home-learning/>

We are helping pupils learn how to access these resources easily. If you don't have a device at home, we will provide a laptop on loan whilst your child is self-isolating which will need to be returned when your child returns to school along with the work completed at home.

The class teacher is available to help you with home learning, so please ring the office or email the teacher if you need help.

## TERM DATES 2021-22

Holiday dates for the next academic year have been finalised and are now on the school website. We have worked hard with our local secondary schools to align our holidays with theirs. **PLEASE AVOID TAKING HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME** as this impacts very badly on children's progress.

## HARVEST

Please do continue to send in tinned goods for our harvest collection. Donations will go to the local Food Bank.

School closes for half term holidays on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and we re-open on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is a staff training day). I hope you have a safe and happy holiday despite all the local restrictions that are in place.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicky White'.

Nicky White  
**Principal**