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Dear Parents/Carers,

# **School Mission Statement (our purpose)**

Our dedicated school team are always working hard to provide:

"Fantastic teaching and learning in an environment where everyone is cared for valued and respected." (School Mission Statement)

We look forward to working with all our pupils and families to continue to achieve our school mission statement.

## **Online Safety**

# The school's Acceptable User Statement (AUP)

We are constantly working to safeguard your child/children. As part of our on line safety procedures pupils are supervised when using the computers and iPads. The school also has filtering/blocking systems to prevent pupils accessing unsuitable materials. However, sometimes our more able students are curious and may try to search for unsuitable material. As a school we run specialist reports to see which sites have been blocked, if we identify a pupil has been trying to search for unsuitable materials the following procedures are in place:

- 1) Staff will explain to the pupil why they must not search for the unsuitable subject.
- 2) Parents/carers will be made aware so that they can support their child to understand that these searches are not appropriate and can, if required, ask for advice on how to prevent pupils accessing such sites at home.
- 3) If a pupil continues to try to search for unsuitable sites they will be prevented from using the iPad or the computer for a week.

Identified students have been supported to sign an Acceptable User Policy. If your child has signed an Acceptable User Policy a copy is attached to this letter for you to see. If you require any further information please contact Rachel Dixon, our online safety officer.

## Reporting on line safety issues from home

If you are worried about the way someone has been communicating with you or your child online or you are worried about sexual abuse, you can report this to the National Crime Agency using the CEOP Report link at the bottom of each page of our school website.

#### Thank you

Thank you to the pupils and staff who will be attending the Thornton Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday to lay a wreath for those who died in the wars.

# Friendship, Anti-bullying and Wellbeing Week

Our annual Friendship, Anti-bullying and Wellbeing week begins on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. During this week pupils will be involved in activities to help them learn about building positive relationships and strategies for communicating difficulties such as bullying.

#### Governors

Governors at Red Marsh School play a vital role in the strategic leadership of our school. This term we welcomed Sarah Hargreaves, a new community governor, into our school family.

#### **Individual school photographs**

Please can I remind you, if you would like to purchase your child's school photograph all orders must be sent into school by **Wednesday 07**<sup>th</sup> **November**.

### **Deputy Headteacher**

Alison has resigned from her post of deputy headteacher, with effect from the 31<sup>st</sup> December. The post of deputy headteacher has been advertised and interviews will be held on Thursday 08<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

#### Coffee and a Chat

Coffee and a Chat is an opportunity for parents/carers to meet together in school, from approximately 1:30 to 2:30pm. Coffee and a chat is held during term time on the first Tuesday of each month. Sometimes there is a focus and a speaker, at other times it is just an opportunity for you to catch up with other parents/carers. The sessions are organised by Sarah Holyhead, a member of our team. The first coffee and a chat for this term takes place on Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> November and is an opportunity for you to meet other parents and carers. Parents, carers and grandparents are all welcome to attend

#### **Gifts for Christmas**

Our PTFA have arranged for all our pupils to draw a self-portrait or produce a hand print. The pictures, hand prints and school logo will be printed onto a class mug for the year 2018. These mugs make excellent Christmas presents and will help to raise money for our new school fundraising project, our Sensory Sports Pods. The mugs will be available for you to pre order and collect before each Christmas production.

## Performing Arts Week /Christmas dates for your diary

Performing Arts Week will begin week commencing the 11<sup>th</sup> December. During this week children and students from all classes will be performing in a range of productions and concerts for Christmas. Below is a list of the dates when the performances will take place. Parents and carers of the children in the classes listed below are invited to attend.

## **Primary Christmas Production**

Involving Sunshine and Rainbow Rooms, Primary Blue, Primary Red and Green Class

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am or

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am

Please note due to limited space in the hall and health and safety requirements, tickets are limited to 2 per family per performance.

## **Secondary Christmas Production**

Involving Senior Blue and Senior Red Class Tuesday 11th December 1:45pm or

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1:45pm

Please note due to limited space in the hall and health and safety requirements, tickets are limited to 2 per family per performance.

# **FE Coffee and Songs**

# Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1:45pm

FE students will be entertaining their parents and carers with music and song. Coffee and mince pies will be served.

Please note due to limited space in the hall and health and safety requirements, tickets are limited to 4 per family per performance.

Letters will be sent out closer to the productions for you to book tickets.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Dellow, Headteacher