



THRESHFIELD

PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2018

On behalf of the Governors, may I wish you a Happy New Year!

We are thankful for the support and partnership we have with you as parents and this year perhaps more than ever, we need to work together, as there will be challenges and opportunities ahead for the School.

We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Oakes and Mrs Rothwell at Christmas. We are grateful to them for all their hard work over the past few years. We were delighted to welcome Miss Coulton as the Kingfishers class teacher at the start of term. Mr Cook will be teaching each morning in Red Kites for the Spring term. This will provide the class with stability and a consistent high quality of teaching in the lead up to the year 6 SATS in May.

Thank you to all of you who attended the Open Evening on 12 October on the future of Threshfield School. There was a collective agreement that the school should remain independent and retain its own Headteacher for as long as possible, and as Governors we are committed to this objective.

We are delighted that the school continues to attract new pupils at all age levels. Thank you to all of you who have recommended the school among your friends, family and in the community. We have increased our marketing efforts in recent months with Threshfield School appearing several times in the Craven Herald, Aspire Magazine and on Stray FM. We also held two Open Days last term and marketing the school continues to be a priority.

Before the end of this academic year, the school is expecting a visit from Ofsted, and our aim is to secure a 'Good' rating. Both the staff and Governors are doing all they can to be in the best possible position for this inspection which could come at any time. One way you can help is to give your views on the school at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

The Governing Body still has two vacancies for Co-opted Governors. Currently we are looking for people with expertise in marketing or human resources but please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have experience in other relevant areas. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about what is involved in being a Governor should contact either Mr Cook or Sophie Caygill (Vice Chair).

Finally, rural primary schools across the country continue to face a grave funding situation and Threshfield is no exception. The governors continue to explore sources of



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external funding for the school. We do not want to ask parents for money but if anyone feels that they (or their business) would like to make a donation to Threshfield School this would be extremely helpful and most personal donations can be maximised using GiftAid relief. Please contact Mr Cook or Mrs Caygill (s.caygill@threshfield.n-yorks.sch.uk) for details. We are immensely grateful for the donations received in recent months.

Best wishes,

Sophie Caygill

Vice Chair of Governors