

RED HALL PRIMARY

**For your information..**

You may / may not be aware that the Headteacher at Harrowgate Hill, has announced that she is retiring, therefore I will continue my work supporting in that school as Acting Headteacher until the Governors are able to make further arrangements for the leadership in that school. I will be working between the two schools, managing my time equally and Red Hall will continue to be led by Miss Snowdon and Mr Goffee in my absence

Mr Taylor has returned from his placement in another school and will therefore continue his role in the Year 4 classroom, being observed and supported by Miss Snowdon and Mrs Wetton.

Miss Wharton has taken on the role of Year 1 teacher until the Summer Term. She is already proving to be a great asset to the Red Hall team.

We thank you for your continued support and helping to make Red Hall Primary such an amazing place to teach and learn! :-) :-)

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**Goodbye Mr Goffee!**

We are feeling a mixture of emotions right now.... Mr Goffee was successful in gaining

his first Headteacher post in October at Green Lane CE Primary School in Barnard Castle,

which will commence after the Easter Holidays. This means his last day at Red Hall will be

on Thursday 29th March.

Whilst we are happy and exceptionally proud of him (the first Headship he applied for and

was offered!) he will be greatly missed and we thank him immensely for his time, energy

and enthusiasm. We are hoping he will leave his Kazoo as a keepsake...

The school will be holding a farewell party for Mr Goffee on Wednesday 28th March and

Parents/carers will be invited. Further details will follow.

Mr Taylor will continue to teach Year 4 in the summer term with support from Mrs Wetton.



**Attendance**

Here is our attendance data for the end of this Half Term.

**Reception 91.63%**

**Class 1 95.91%**

**Class 2 94.68%**

**Class 3 95.58%**

**Class 4 94.74%**

**Class 5 95.29%**

**Class 6 94.03%**

**100% Attendance**

Our children in Lullaby Lane, Nursery and Reception have been receiving weekly certificates celebrating their attendance. We feel it is really important to embed a culture of good attendance from a young age.

**Don’t forget to check out the Red Hall Primary School Website which we try to keep regularly updated with what is happening in school for you and your children or follow us on Twitter @RedHallSchool**

**A Letter from the Bishop of Durham**

**Following his visit to Red Hall, the Bishop of Durham sent us this letter;**

*I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Red Hall Primary on the 21st of February 2018. What a great school you are! I was really impressed with the cycling project - so very good to see children learning to cycle safely; and also learning how to maintain their bikes. Cycling is such a good way to get around and stay fit and healthy.*

*The litter picking initiative is a really good way of working with the local community and helping the school surround to be kept clean. It was clear the children were enjoying be outside and gathering the rubbish.  
I loved the reading area; so thoughtfully laid out and lit. Reading and literacy more broadly matter so much. I trust that the example and encouragement does mean all your parents read with their children at home!*

*The netball in the gym was great. It was so good to see the secondary school children present helping. A really good way for them to develop their leadership skills and act as good role models for your own pupils.  
I really enjoyed talking with the year 6s about their love of maths and numeracy. They were bright and confident young people; a credit to themselves and the school.*

*Then there was the inspirational singing. The children were clearly loving this. I wish I had had such an inspirational and creative music teacher when I was young! It was a real joy to spend time in the school, and to see how closely you are working with local councillors and housing officers. Good community relations matter and schools have such a key role to play in these.*

*Please thank the staff and pupils for their friendly, warm and informative welcome to me. I would love to return sometime and perhaps give pupils the opportunity to ask me more questions than was possible on this brief visit.*

*Finally it was very clear what strong but gentle leadership you are giving yourself.  
  
Very many thanks  
  
Paul  
Bishop of Durham*

26.02.2018

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**SATS FOR Y6 and Y2 PUPILS**

The children in year 6 will be taking their SATs week beginning 14th May.

Year 2 children will sit theirs at different points throughout May.

**PHONICS SCREEENING TESTS FOR Y1 PUPILS**

Our Year 1 pupils will sit their Phonics Screening tests during the week beginning Monday 10th June.

**Please ensure your child is in school during these weeks.**