

Darley Primary School

19th September 2025





Congratulations to Henry and Robyn who are our school ambassadors for this academic year. We are sure you will do a tremendous job!

Year 5 and 6 Residential Today, parents of pupils in Wharfe Class (Y5/6) will receive a letter regarding next summers residential visit. As you maybe aware, we alternate between Marrick Priory Outdoor Education Centre and a city destination. Next summer we will be visiting Manchester for three days and two nights. This is a brilliant opportunity for our older children to experience

23 Sep - Flu

1 Oct - new Starters Parents Evening

23 Oct -PTFA Disco

24 Oct -Break up

3 Nov - Back to school

cultural experiences that living in a large city can offer.

Communication It has been brought to my attention that some parents are concerned about the lack of communication from school regarding the progress that their children have made since they started this term or indeed, even what the children have been learning. Whilst I absolutely welcome parental involvement in school, please understand



that teachers cannot always make themselves available to talk to all their children's parents at the beginning or end of the day. Parents of children in older years should be able to log in to Class Dojo for updates on what we have been up to as well as the weekly messages from teachers. Parents of children in Reception are able to access Tapestry and also Class Dojo. The use of Class Dojo is new to us too so please keep an eye on the Class Stories as that is where updates will begin to feature in the future. We will

increase communication in the form of a written summary for children in Ribble Class from next week but in the meantime, if you have any concerns or issues, please contact school to arrange an appointment with the relevant member of staff. Thank you.

And finally...Many of you will be aware of the disappointing news that a child has scratched a name into the newly painted wall in the refurbished boys' toilets at the top end of school. This is hugely disappointing; the toilets were replaced and the walls decorated during the summer holidays at great expense. Mr Howarth spoke to all the boys from year 2 upwards last week in the hope that someone would later own up and we could resolve the situation. No-one was forthcoming, so I spoke to the boys again on Tuesday lunchtime and again, gave whoever was responsible the chance to own up in a sensitive and confidential way. Unfortunately this did not unearth any further information so on Wednesday lunchtime, I spoke to them all again and explained that as no-one had owned up, there was nothing else we could do and the boys went out to play as normal. I told the boys, that all I would ask of whoever did it, was that they simply go and re-paint over the damage and then we could forget about it. No doubt there will be speculation amongst the boys as to who they think did it, but as nobody has owned up, there is really nothing else we can do and the matter is now closed.