

# NEAT NEWS



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, we can't help but to reflect on times gone by and look forward to what will come. In this final termly newsletter, I wanted to remind us of how far we have come this year. It has been an incredibly challenging year for everyone as we have had to cope with the ongoing impact of Covid as well as rising fuel costs, the cost-of-living crisis and then this week, the incredible heat.

As a trust, we are committed to working with and supporting our families as much as we can, it is only by working in partnership that we can make a real difference. Thank you for your ongoing support. I have shared one of my favourite quotes with you today, when so much is challenging us or working against us, it reminds us what we can always be is kind.

Our focus next year is on ensuring we know our learners and communities well, so that we can ensure we work in true partnership and we are excited about what lies ahead and the possibilities that awaits us.

To our year 6, year 11 and year 13 leavers, we wish you the very best of luck for your future and to everyone else, we can't wait for September.

Please have a wonderful holiday, you deserve it.

Best Wishes,  
Debi Bailey



*"Nothing beats kindness." said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."*

# Farewell and Welcome

St Hild's are saying goodbye to their longest serving member of staff, Barbara Morley, who retires on Friday 22nd July 2022.

Barbara has been employed at St Hild's as a PE Teacher for a staggering 36 years and in more recent years has also held the position of Progress Leader. In this time she has seen generations of children pass through the school.

Barbara has been a huge part of the St Hild's community, she has had a massive impact on many lives of both pupils and colleagues. Barbara will be sorely missed by all of her friends here at St Hild's.

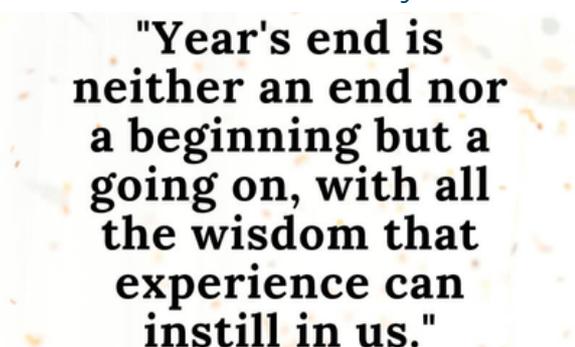
She is known for her natural warmth, care and support and that friendly smile that we all know so well. We wish you all the very best going forward into your next chapter Barbara and we wish you a "Life in all its fullness".

We would also like to recognise Janice and Andy Wanley for their long service. They retire having worked for a combined total of 60 years at Benfield School - what an achievement! We wish both Janice and Andy a long, healthy and happy retirement and would like to take this opportunity to formally thank them for the wonderful contribution they have made to the lives of so many young people past and present at Benfield.

We would also like to wish Walkergate's current Head Teacher, Alison Young, a very happy retirement, after 33 of teaching and 10 years at Walkergate, Alison has decided to call it a day. We wish Alison a long and peaceful retirement, you will be missed.

Both Walkergate and Benfield are welcoming new Head Teachers, we would like to say a big hello and welcome to Daniel Nelson and Anthony Martin. We wish you both the best of luck in your new roles and we look forward to watching the changes and growth you bring.

We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to all staff leaving us this summer for pastures new. Thank you and the very best for the future. We are also welcoming new staff into our trust family - we look forward to working with you.



**"Year's end is  
neither an end nor  
a beginning but a  
going on, with all  
the wisdom that  
experience can  
instill in us."**

# NEAT NOW!



**'ONE TRUST, WORKING WITH PARTNERS TO GROW POTENTIAL'**

## Spotlight on...

We would like to give an extra big thank you and well done to all of our wonderful teachers, learning staff, admin and support teams. This year has continued to bring its fair share of challenges and you have all worked tirelessly to make it successful. We are so proud of you all for the hard work you continue to put in to our schools.

## Thank you to...

Helen Wood- Mitchell of West Walker, has been hard at work raising money for children's cancer charities. Altogether, she has raised over £8000!

One of our wonderful volunteers, Alison Jenkins, thank you for giving your time to 6 of our children providing piano lessons. The children have loved it and would never normally get this opportunity.

Well done to our star baker, Kay Hall from West Walker, who baked over 250 cup cakes for the jubilee. They were scrumptious.

We would also like to say thank you to year 6 staff at Walkergate and staff across all of our schools who have gone the extra mile. We have seen residential restart for the first time since Covid. We appreciate the time and energy this takes from you all and the children loved it!

Thank you to all the fantastic staff at Benfield who produced and performed at a recent dance event. It was fantastic!

Well done to Central Walker and all other schools who took part in the Welly to Belly project- the experience was amazing and very well received. Thank you!

Thank you to all staff at St Hild's who supported the recent Duke of Edinburgh weekend event, a great time was had by all.

## Warm Welcomes and Fond Farewells

We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to all of our leavers, we wish you all the best. We would also like to give a warm welcome to new staff joining us, we look forward to getting to know you all in September. We would also like to say welcome to all of our new students and a big good luck to those leaving us.