



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the latest Springwell Harrogate newsletter!



I hope you will enjoy reading about everything that has been going on this half term.

You will be aware, I am sure, of the continued disruption to normal school life caused by coronavirus which has continued this term. Sadly, this has meant on a number of occasions that we have had to close classes and educate children remotely. I am sure that you share our sense of frustration with this and hope as I do that next year will be much more settled and more back to normal. Despite all the challenges of the year, I am extremely proud of the way that pupils and staff have coped with the disruption. Learning has continued, progress has been made and children have been successful in their learning.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter and a restful summer break.



Scott Jacques

Executive Principal

As I sit typing this I am proud and amazed at the two terms we have had! We have banded together as staff and students to form a community. As much as this week is a celebration of our school and students it is also a sad time for us as we see Mr. Turner, Mrs Kersey and Miss Hendry leaving the community.

Mr Turner has been the Outdoor Education teacher for just short of forever and has given our students such amazing opportunities in the outdoors, abseiling, gorge walking, making stick bread on an open fire, I would go on but I cannot possibly list all the activities they have done! Mr Turner's influence has given our young people a lifelong love of the area we live in and allowed them a fresh perspective on how they approach their daily lives, building resilience and challenging themselves every day. I know there is a core group of residents in North Yorkshire who will say that their favourite lessons were with Mr Turner. He is a great loss to the school community and we all wish him well for the future!

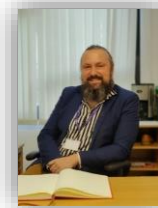
Mrs Kersey is our English and Art teacher, previously she was the Art and Art Therapy lead, and again, her impact on the lives of young people is immeasurable. Mrs Kersey is the reason Springwell Harrogate is not a sterile cube, she injects colour and wonder in everything she does, not only in lessons but in her approach to every member of the community. I have seen such wonderful pieces of art being produced throughout my time in the school, her guidance and ability to help young artists bud cannot be overstated. Another aspect of her skills is the therapeutic approach she has with classes, seeing Mrs Kersey re-engage a learner who has been unable to enter a school building really tells a story on its own. She really is an inspirational person.



Miss Hendry joined us in January and has injected the school with an amazing calm, her staff yoga will go down in legend, as will her student yoga lessons, seeing year 10 girls complete a full session while listening to what I assume was Ravi Shankar music with lavender scent wafting through the room was one of my favourite things from this year. She has supported Mr Turner in outdoor sessions and supported learners in school, all the while debating whether or not to pursue a career as a science teacher! Which she has sad/happily decided to do!

What a year, and what a school community!

I wish everyone a safe, happy and fun filled holiday! I look forward to welcoming back the returning students and I wish those moving on the absolute best.



Alex Bentley

Head of Centre

Our Alternative Week

This final week has seen us going alternative, which is interesting as we try to do this every day, we are the alternative! So this has proven to be simultaneously hilarious, fun and focused, as you will be able to see in the photographs.

