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FEDERATION OF BECKWITHSHAW AND KETTLESING – FELLISCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

GOVERNING BODY AUTUMN TERM 2017 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Children,

We hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful half term break and that you are looking forward to the next half term, and of course the run up to Christmas, which is always such a special time of year in all schools.

As the governors who sit on the federated governing body we have now been working together for just over 6 months and thought it was a good time to update you on our progress and what our key aims and focusses are for this academic year. But we'd like to begin our update by thanking all staff across both schools for their hard work and ongoing dedication to their respective schools and our newly created federation.

Governing Body Update

Full details of the members of the Governing Body are available on either school website for your information, and this will be updated as and when there are any changes.

We would however just like to update you on one key change to the governing body which has only recently taken place. Liz Bate who was co-Chair of the Governing Body has sadly had to resign due to personal circumstances. Liz was a valued and experienced governor who was instrumental in the work that took place to create the federation. On behalf of all governors and the wider schools' community I'd like to thank Liz for her contributions and hard work. She will be greatly missed as a key member of our Governing Body. For the moment Rachel O'Brien (who was co-chairing with Liz) will continue as sole Chair, with Chris Robinson as Vice Chair.

Vacancies

We now have two vacancies on the governing body for two co-opted governors and whilst we are working hard to fill these positions we would welcome applications from any member of the wider community who could contribute to the governing body. We are particularly looking for those with a financial or educational background and ideally a candidate who does not have a vested interest in either school within the federation.

In the first instance interested candidates should contact Mrs Jackson-Ward the Headteacher or Mrs O'Brien the Chair of Governors via the school offices.





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Federation Update

I'm sure you will all have seen the fantastic picture in the Harrogate Advertiser of the Federation Celebration at Harlow Carr, which took place just before half term. Whilst governors and staff have been working under the umbrella of federation for several months, we are keen for parents and children to become more involved in what this means for them and how we hope it can benefit us all. A federation is an arrangement which will evolve over a number of years, as will its benefits. However, we are already seeing fantastic events such as the Harlow Carr trip which allow the children to interact and work together, beginning to take place. There will be further opportunities taking place this year for joint learning sessions across the schools.

Governors feel it is important they are available and accessible to parents and we would like to make ourselves available to chat informally with parents at pick up on the following dates during the next half term:

Kettlesing Felliscliffe – Wednesday November 8th

Beckwithshaw – Friday November 10th

If you will not be at pick up on either of these days but have any questions or suggestions you would like to share with governors then please don't hesitate to contact us via either school office.

Yours sincerely (on behalf of the Governing Body)

Rachel O'Brien

Chair of Governors

