

Dear Redgate Primary and Yeoman Park Academy families,

Well, here we are at the end of the first term of 2022/23, this term has had its challenges. I was hoping not to mention Covid, but it has stuck around with all its challenges, we have also felt the impact of flu and the affect it is having in both academies, with staff, children and learners taking ill, however, both academies have pulled through, staff, children and learners alike, it has not been easy.

The governors continue to support the academies and thank staff, children, learners, and parent/carers for their continued support.

It has been great for governors to meet face to face, some of use meeting in person for the first time. We said goodbye to one of our governors from the board, who for personal reasons has resigned from the committee.

On that note we have vacancies for parent governors and appointed governors, if you think this is something you would like to look at, please talk to our Principals.

At the start of this letter, I mention Covid and Flu, I want to say thank you to our academies, for the resilience of the team and the children and learners over this first term.

Even though we've faced challenges in this first term, both academies have achieved so much, below are some bullet points of the success across both academies and supported by the Academy Committee and Senior Leadership Team.

#### Redgate

- We have welcomed 15 new children into the academy who have settled in well to Redgate
- Regular Forest School sessions have enabled children to learn in the outdoor environment
- Some children have been able to go on visits in the local community and further afield including St Mary's Church, Marshalls farm and Chatsworth
- A few children visited a local nursing and residential home to sing carols to the residents
- Seeing families onsite for our Christmas Fair and performances has been wonderful

#### Yeoman Park

- It's been great getting back to some sort of normality after co-vid and being able to welcome parents and carers back into schools for events such as Sports Day - Careers Fair - The Nativity - Christmas Fair.
- Giving our learners opportunities to help each other across the school with older children helping younger ones with stories and reading. Plus having a music teacher in too.
- Classes getting back out and about in the community with trips including – The Yorkshire Wildlife Park - Magna - Dobbie's Garden Centre – Woodhouse Library.
- Carrying on with our Post 16 Pathfinders activities that allow learners to explore their future options and the world of work – all our leavers moved on to their placements successfully.
- Most excitingly we are progressing with the new school plans.

As governors we are aware of the stress and anxiety that both Covid and now Flu continues to cause staff, children, learners, parents/carers, mental health and well-being of staff, children and learners has been a concern and a priority for governors, in all our conversations with the Senior Leadership, this along with safeguarding has been at the forefront of our conversations.

On behalf of the governors, I would like to wish all staff, children, learners and their families a very Merry Christmas and look forward to a prosperous 2023.

Kind Regards

**Mr Pete Edwards**

**Chair of Academy Committee governors**

