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Dear Families,

We've had another great week across the Federation and it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and engagement in learning as I go into all of our classes. The children are all working incredibly hard and it is good to see how the children are really embodying our school values. A small snapshot of this can be seen on our Facebook and Class Dojo pages, and we hope that you enjoy seeing the creative learning that is taking place. We are eager to celebrate the achievements of our children and raise the profile of the Federation in the local community. We would appreciate your support in spreading the positive messages about school with your friends, colleagues and families in the local area.

Message from Mrs Howard

I am sad to say that Mrs Howard, who has been the welcoming face of the office at Fylingdales over 15 years, has taken the decision to retire from her role as admin assistant with immediate effect. Mrs Howard would like to share the message below with you all.

"I have made the decision to retire from my admin assistant role with immediate effect. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to work with all the staff and pupils at Fylingdales Primary School. To see the children begin their exciting journey through school from reception to year six has been a real joy. I would like to take this opportunity to send all my very best wishes to Mrs Thompson and every wonderful member of staff for the continued success of the school. Thank you to all staff, parents and pupils for all their support during my time at the school."

Mrs Howard has made a significant contribution to the whole school community for so many years and I have heard many stories about her positivity, dedication and commitment to supporting all of the families in our community. We can not thank her enough for the exceptional contribution that she has made to the Heritage Coast Federation and we would like to do something special to recognise this. I will send further communication about how we will do this.

Nut Free / Healthy Snacks

Our newly elected School Councillors will be working together to look at the snack provision in school in the coming weeks and they will be providing an update in our newsletter. Please could we remind families that all snacks and lunch boxes should be nut free to ensure that we are able to keep members of our school community with serious allergies safe.

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Flood Update

It has certainly been an eventful start to the term and this week the Loss Adjustors have been out to look at the next steps for us. The site is drying well at surface level, but we have been advised that a specialist company will now be brought in to advise on whether walls / fixtures have damage that needs to be stripped out. Once they have completed their report, we will be able to give a clearer indication of how long we will need to continue with the current arrangements. The initial indications are that we will certainly need to continue for several weeks, but I will make sure that you get updates as soon as they are available to us. We really appreciate how supportive you have all been and the teamwork across the Federation has been amazing.

School Payments

A number of children owe money in respect of school lunches and breakfast/after school clubs attended. Please note that dinner money and clubs should be paid weekly, ideally made on the Monday for the week ahead. Please check your ParentPay account on a regular basis and if you have difficulties accessing this please do not hesitate to contact the school.

GoRead – Electronic Reading Record

Reading will be a key focus for us over the next year and we want to really foster our children's love of reading for pleasure. In order to support the home school partnership, we will be launching our new electronic reading record for children in Year 1,2,3 and 4 next week. Please look out for a letter with the log in details for your child and more information about the site. This App is really easy to use and we hope that it will really help to build the home / school communication about reading. More details about the App can be found at <https://go-read.co.uk/parents/>. We look forward to hearing your feedback about this new initiative.

Congratulations Olivia



During October half Term, Year Six Hawsker pupil Olivia will be heading off to the British Gymnastics Championships in Stoke on Trent after qualifying to represent two teams. Olivia will be representing both Scarborough Gymnastics Academy with her squad (Primary Team) consisting of seven girls and a small disability team from Leeds; Espirit Gymnastics Club. The competition consists of a floor routine, a series of tumbling passes and a series of trampette runs. If successful they will become TeamGym National Champions. Olivia only started gymnastics three years ago, so I am sure that you will agree that this is a fabulous achievement. Good luck Olivia, we are looking forward to hearing all about it!

Solve it Group

Parents, Carers or Grandparents we need your help. We will be starting our new 'Solve it' group where you can have your say and share your ideas for developments in our amazing Federation. Our first meeting will be an opportunity for me to introduce myself a little more and briefly share a little bit about our vision for the Federation. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday 29th September at Hawsker Primary School. This will be taking place in the evening, but we are conscious that Covid cases in the area are rising and we want to ensure that we are keeping all members of our community safe. Please could you inform the office if you would like to attend, so that we can create a safe way for everyone to attend.

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Date for the diary

Our first parent consultation evenings will be taking place on Thursday 14th October for our Hawsker families and Tuesday 19th October for Fylingdales families. More details to follow soon.

Harvest Festival

Harvest time is approaching and we are starting to plan our events for this year. We know that these are really special events, but once again we are mindful about keeping our communities safe. With this in mind, each class will create their own video of our celebrations which will be shared with you all via Class Dojo. We will be collecting produce for the Hope Whitby foodbank, so please start saving some tins / packets so that we can have a bumper collection to support local families. Miss Dykes will send out more details about this in the near future.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Helen Thompson

Mrs Helen Thompson

Executive Headteacher