

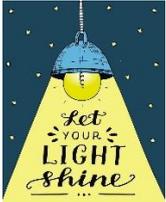


Dear Parents/Carers,

July 2022

### **A message from Mr Marsden**

As we come to the end of the school year, I wanted to write to you all to thank you for your support and share some of the successes over the past months. As always, I am incredibly proud of the students and their academic progress and for their personal social development that is helping them to become fantastic young people. This year we have achieved much in our journey of school improvement which began with developing a school vision. In reviewing the year, I thought I would use some of the key words from our vision to share the progress we have made.



*'Develop the individual light in every student, so they can learn as much as possible and reach their unique potential. We want to ignite curiosity through our curriculum and create a culture of gratitude and good deeds. With hope and humility, we want our students to take on the world and make it a better place'*

### **Learn as Much as Possible**

- At the end of KS2 (Year 6) reading attainment levels have increased significantly with children achieving well above the national average
- At the end of KS2 (Year 6) the percentage of children achieving the higher standard in reading, writing and mathematics has increased from 3% to almost 20%
- At the end of KS2 (Year 6) children from disadvantaged backgrounds are achieving as well as those from non-disadvantaged backgrounds
- 76% of children in Y1 passed their phonics screening check

### **Ignite Curiosity**

We want our students to be excited about learning and school. In a recent survey our children have told us:

- 93% of our children enjoy coming to school
- 90% of our children are accessing home learning on Education City
- 95% of our children feel that teachers help them in their lessons
- 86% of our children are reading at home at least weekly

### **Create a Culture of Gratitude and Good Deeds**

In our school vision we want to build a sense of community and encourage our children to be good and do good. This year we have seen:

- Our children have raised money and brought in donations for charity and raised money for school
- families have planned and set up an Easter Fayre, Year 6 Leavers events and have helped out in school
- we have developed a daily routine of collective worship where children can reflect on a question which has helped them to think about their role in the community and the world
- parents/carers have joined us for a number of school events

There is much we still want to do next year and I will be asking for your help again in September, but for now I would just like to say thank you for the support you give us. We love educating your children and I hope you all have a fantastic summer.

## Important Information for Next Year

**Back to School** - The first day back at school will be **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.

### Changes to Uniform

Please see attached updated uniform information. The reason for these changes is that we want children to be more active so we intend to increase the amount of sport and activity we have in school. Next year children will have PE twice a week. We would like children continue to come to school in their PE kit but we have changed the PE uniform to a **white polo shirt** rather than a white t-shirt. This will allow children to come to school in their PE kit and remain smart. Children can wear any colour trainers on their PE days. We expect all children to wear correct PE kit and class teachers will make phone calls home to children who come in incorrect PE kit asking for the correct kit to be brought in.

Footwear - when children don't have PE they will come to school in their normal school uniform. Children should wear **black trainers or comfortable black shoes** which they can run and play in as part of their learning.

We want children to be able to access the field all year round so in the winter months, we would like children to have a pair of **wellies or waterproof** shoes which they can put on when it is wet. If children don't have these they will not be allowed to access the field when it is wet.

### **Curriculum Launch and Meet your teacher**

On **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September** we will be hosting a special parent/carer event where children and adults can come along and meet the teacher and find out what will be happening in the school year. We will run 2 sessions 3.30pm – 4.30pm and 6pm – 7pm. We would like all parents to attend one of these sessions. We will send out more details when we return back to school in September.

### **Other Information**

- The school calendar for the academic year 2022-2023 is attached in the email.
- If any parents need to contact the school over the holidays please email [headteacher@hunsletstmarys.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@hunsletstmarys.co.uk)
- Message from Helen Lillywhite, Little Owls Children's Centre Manager – *Do you have a child aged 2 or 3? Here at Little Owls, Hunslet we have availability for both 15 and 30 hour places. Please call 0113 3784180 or call at the nursery to collect an application form. Please pass this information on to any families you know who may benefit from a nursery place. Many thanks.*