



# AISKEW, LEEMING BAR

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the Summer Term here at Aiskew Leeming Bar CE Primary School!

We know that at the end of last term, Mr Watt shared with you some fantastic news about leadership and staffing going forward and he also told you about the appointment of a new Chair of the Governing Body after Elaine Bean's relocation to the South of England. We want to thank Elaine, the Local Authority and Colburn School for the excellent support which they brought to the school during last term's difficult and challenging circumstances. We're delighted to let you know that the school now has full time dedicated leadership and staffing in place. This gives us the stability we needed to continue the drive for improvement here and we're looking forward to sharing with you our exciting plans for this term. So here's an update which we hope you find helpful:

**Governors** – Mrs Sue Richardson has been appointed as Chair of the Governing Body. Sue lives in Northallerton and has worked as a Headteacher and CEO of a multi-academy trust until her retirement three years ago. She is also currently a Director of a multi-academy Trust of special schools in Stockton. Sue is very much looking forward to supporting and challenging the school to ensure that all pupils love learning and make good progress.

**Leadership** – Mrs Bethany Stanley has been appointed full time Acting Headteacher. Mrs Stanley is an experienced school leader who is very keen to bring her expertise and professional commitment to our school and its pupils and parents. Mrs Stanley is passionate about fostering a love for learning in children and ensuring that all children make the best progress possible. She has been working closely with Mr Watt and Mrs Manning in order to ensure a smooth transition and to hit the ground running this term.

**KS 2 staffing:** Mrs Stanley will be teaching Y3/4/5/6 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. (On a Tuesday afternoon children will continue to have PE taught by Simon Carson Sports School). Thursdays and Fridays will be taught by Mr Adams who is a very experienced KS2 teacher. On a Thursday morning, Mrs Stanley and Mr Adams will work together with the children. This class will also be supported by Mrs Bashford in the morning and Mrs Wolstenholme in the afternoon. Mrs Stanley and Mr Adams are very excited by the learning they have planned for the children in this class during the summer term.

**EYFS/KS 1 staffing:** Mrs Watson will be the full time teacher, teaching EYFS/Y1/Y2. Again, Mrs Watson is a very experienced teacher and she is looking forward to delivering an exciting curriculum with this class. She is also wanting to maximise the potential of the amazing outdoor space this class have access to. This class will also be supported by Mrs Wolstenholme in the morning and Mrs Bashford in the afternoon. (On a Monday afternoon children will continue to have PE taught by Simon Carson Sports School).

**Curriculum:** Both classes have an exciting and engaging curriculum planned which builds upon the school's strength of having access to a broad and exciting curriculum. EYFS and KS1 will be basing their learning around the book 'Aliens Love Underpants' with their space themed learning whilst KS2 will be basing their learning around the theme 'Animal Kingdom'. A detailed report of what children will be learning will be sent home separately.

Highlights of the Summer term: Summer is always a busy term! Y1 children will have their phonics test in June. Y2 children will undergo their statutory KSI assessments during May and Y6 children will take their SAT tests during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May. As a staff, we will endeavour to make this time as relaxed as possible for the children and encourage them to do their very best. We will look forward to welcoming into the school family the new EYFS children, who will be starting with us in September, as they take part in transition events during this term. We will also be supporting our Y6 leavers as they take part in different transition events at their new secondary schools. We also have our Sports Day and Y6 Leavers Service to look forward to. (Dates to be confirmed). KS2 will be planning a school trip to a zoo for the whole school and they will play an active role in the decision making for this trip. As the children are going to help with the organisation of this event, the date and venue is to be confirmed!

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April after school – coffee and cake session for parents and carers with Mrs Sue Richardson (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Bethany Stanley (Acting Headteacher). This is an opportunity to put a face to a name and to ask any questions you have about how we intend to drive improvements here at Aiskew Leeming Bar CE School.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May an e-learning information evening for parents at 6:00pm in the hall. Children have been bought a subscription for Reading Eggs and Mathletics which are two online websites which offer children great learning opportunities in order to further support their reading and maths. You are warmly invited to come and learn more about these so that you can see their full potential and encourage your child to access them at home.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bethany Stanley (Acting Headteacher)  
Mrs Sue Richardson (Chair of Governors)