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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you all had a fun-filled half term holiday and that you enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Speaking of which, thank you very much to the group of parents who blew up balloons and helped me to set up the playground for our party on the Friday we broke up. I could not have done it without you! It was the first time in over two years that we have had all of the children in the same place and it was a joy to see! They really enjoyed the afternoon, as did we.

As some of you already know, two of our incredible teachers are moving to pastures new next September. Matt Snowden (Y5/6) has secured an assistant head position at Appleton Roebuck Primary and Ryan Deakin (Y1/2) is going to be a Key Stage leader at St. Mary's Primary in Malton. These promotions are richly deserved but we are sad to be saying goodbye to them both. We will be interviewing for their replacements on the 14<sup>th</sup> (Y5/6) and 21<sup>st</sup> (Y1/2) and I look forward to introducing you to the new members of our school family when they have been chosen.

This half term is a busy one:

13<sup>th</sup> June - Y5/6 NSPCC workshops

16<sup>th</sup> June - Clean Air Day

17<sup>th</sup> June - Class photos

18<sup>th</sup> June - York Pride parade

5<sup>th</sup> July - Key Stage 1 sports day

6<sup>th</sup> July - whole school transition (including Y6s to new secondary schools)

7<sup>th</sup> July - Y3/4 sports day

8<sup>th</sup> July - Y5/6 sports day

14<sup>th</sup> July - Fishergate's Got Talent

21<sup>st</sup> July - Leavers' Show

22<sup>nd</sup> July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Please find more details about Clean Air Day that I have been asked to share with you.

**Let's take steps to protect our health from air pollution this #CleanAirDay on 16th June 2022.**

Even though we can't see it, air pollution impacts our health whatever age we are and can affect every organ in the body.

Children are especially vulnerable to the effects, with air pollution linked to low birth weights and poor lung development; it can even contribute to reduced intelligence and mental health issues.





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The good news is there are simple steps we can all take to help us avoid toxic air and cut down on the pollution we cause. Any reductions in air pollution that we make will lead to health improvements for us and in our local community – we all have a part to play!

### **What can you do to improve air quality outside school**

On Clean Air Day (Thursday 16th June), we would encourage you to walk to school if possible. Alternatively, you could walk part of the journey from a nearby location. You might also consider scooting or cycling some of the way with your child.

If you have to drive to school, please help to improve air quality by always switching off your engine whenever you are waiting and politely remind others to do the same. To find out more about York's anti-idling campaign visit <https://www.york.gov.uk/EngineOff>

The Personal Air Pollution Calculator is a free to use online tool to work out how much pollution you produce, how you can reduce it and protect your health: <https://calculator.cleanairhub.org.uk>

To find out more about air quality and how to improve it, visit the Clean Air Hub website:

<https://www.cleanairhub.org.uk/>

I am really looking forward to a busy half term and welcoming as many of you as possible to the school events that will be taking place.

Tina Clarke

