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Dear Parent/Carer

Thursday 11th April 2019

We have again had another incredibly busy and productive term, with so many different activities going on in, not just in school but in our community as well. I have been particularly delighted with the group of staff, led by Mrs Pickles, who have taught so many local companies and other groups to use **Makaton** and in doing so, Bedale has been awarded '**Makaton Friendly**' status, the second such town in the UK. Along with various sporting triumphs, with a group getting through to regional finals in Sheffield which will be held next term and our successes again at the Wensleydale Festival with pupils poetry readings and the performance of our choir, which now has such a fine reputation. We always try to share what we are doing in school on our face [Facebook](#) page, so please have a look, there is always so much to see and read about.

You may have become aware through the press and from our facebook site, that we have been working closely with North Yorkshire County Council to establish a **Primary aged satellite provision in Ripon**, this has now come to fruition and we will take over the building and grounds of what is currently Moorside Infant School. The satellite will simply be an extension to our primary department, as the greatest pressure we have for requests for places, are for primary aged pupils. The pupils admitted are expected to be from the Ripon and Harrogate area and have the same special educational needs as our pupils here, if parents from those areas are interested in the provision for their child then please contact me.

A comprehensive staffing and building plan, has been approved by our Governors and NYCC officers, which will see the school and grounds refurbished to meet our needs over a three/four year program. The teaching and leadership staff will be employed from the 1st September 2019, it will open with three classes totalling twenty pupils in January 2020 and during of the course of the following three years expand to cater for up to 60 pupils. Once the provision is open, we will provide opportunities for any current or potential pupils to have a look around.

The Tour de Yorkshire finishes in Bedale on Friday 3rd May 2019, not only the mens race but the ladies race as well. This will be such an exciting day, pupils are already helping to create a piece of land art which we expect the race helicopters to film. We have had allocated a section of road in the marketplace in Bedale, so that pupils can watch the end of ladies race, which end around 12.30. The mens race ends well after school closing. We have looked into road closures and have been assured that, due to the convenience of the race times, we will not be affected and school transport will run as usual.

We have suffered this term with several staff have long term absence for health reasons, we always try our hardest to minimise the impact of this and wish absent staff a speedy recovery. I am grateful to Mrs Carrick who arranges staff cover and all the staff for giving extra help to cover for absent colleagues.

Next term will be another busy one, which is complicated as the first half of term is very short, with just four weeks until half term and then a much longer second half term leading to the summer holidays.

Tomorrow we have so many Easter activities, which are always such fun and a great end to the term, with chocolate Easter eggs a plenty. I would like to thank all our staff and Governors for all their work this past term and wish everyone as very Happy Easter.

Please remember we open after Easter for the summer term on Tuesday 30th April 2019.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Tearle', with a small blue mark to the right.

Jonathan Tearle, Headteacher