



Dear Parents/Carers

Yet again we had a wonderful Celebration Assembly on Friday with Mr S Towers from Staindrop Academy and his brother Mr G Towers attending. They spoke movingly of their time as pupils at our school, the special memories it holds for them and how this has helped them become the people they are today and with the careers they have chosen. The photo we showed of Mr S Towers dressed as a melon (!) in a school production is something I won't forget and part of Mr G Tower's speech made a big impression on me and reminded me of the aims and beliefs we have as a school. He said, ***"I have embraced and enjoyed a wonderful career, a career choice that was enabled by a sound education. Children, I can guarantee you this; the more personal effort you put into your schooling and education, the greater your rewards will be in life."***

We are very lucky to live in a country where our children have access to a free education and it is important we cherish this and help them make the most of it to give them a bright future full of opportunities.

Best wishes  
Mrs H Sutherland

**Smile Please—it's school photo time!**

Apologies for the short notice but school photos will take place this Thursday on 8th October. ***Any families wishing to bring younger , pre-school siblings into school for a family photo with school aged children, should bring them between 8.30 and 9.00*** Other photos will be taken throughout the morning (individual and family photos)

**Sesquicentenary—150th anniversary celebrations of our school!**

We hope you can join us and bring family, friends and neighbours to our events this Friday and Saturday. School will be open ***from 2.30 till 6.00pm on Friday and from 10.00 till 2.00pm on Saturday***. There will be a display of photographs, information about the history of the school and children's work. Many ex teachers, staff and pupils are planning on attending so it will be a good opportunity to catch up and reminisce. Refreshments will be served and we hope it will be a fantastic opportunity for anyone associated with the school to celebrate this historic occasion.

**Celebration Assembly**

A huge 'well done' to the following pupils who were rewarded in our Celebration Assembly last Friday.  
Keep up the good work!

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| <b>Christian Values:</b> | <b>Millie N</b>   |
| <b>Good Attitude:</b>    | <b>Kaitlin W</b>  |
| <b>Good Manners:</b>     | <b>Morgan A</b>   |
| <b>Good Learning:</b>    | <b>Caitlin W</b>  |
| <b>Wow Words:</b>        | <b>Ryan L</b>     |
| <b>Reading:</b>          | <b>Nicholas M</b> |
| <b>Head Teacher:</b>     | <b>Davey T</b>    |
| <b>Golden Ticket:</b>    | <b>Mia W</b>      |



### POP UK Concert



Thank you to all children and family members who took part in and supported our concert last Thursday. It was wonderful to join with Ingleton Primary for this event and a good time was had by all! We will look ahead in our school diary and might try to find a time for a repeat performance so all children can enjoy the experience and any family members who missed it can join in the fun!

We have 4 copies left of the POP UK CD if you would like to buy one (£6.00) This has recordings of the children singing the songs with children from Ingleton Primary and also some karaoke tracks to sing along to!

### Vacancy for a parent governor

The term of office of one of our parent governors has come to an end so we have a vacancy. Our governors work with school leaders to help make decisions about school priorities and developments. If you are interested in becoming a parent representative on our governing body please see Mrs Robinson in our office for a form. If you would like to find out more about the role of school governor, please make an appointment to meet with me and I can explain more and answer any questions you might have.

### More dates for your diary!

**We welcome Nicola Seymour to our Celebration Assembly this Friday. Nicola is an ex pupil who has received an MBE from the Queen for her services in the army! We hope you can join us to find out more about this and her time as a pupil at our school.**

**Thursday 15th October at our school  
9.00am—Harvest Festival Service (led by our children)  
Soup Share—2.15pm**

Our school meals will be themed this Thursday and Friday as part of our celebrations for our school's 150th anniversary. On Thursday the theme will be linked to the Victorian period when the original school building was opened. On Friday there will be a 1970s lunch to represent the time our current school building was opened. Please see posters on our noticeboards for further details.

Please find attached, a copy of an invitation to Parents Evening. We really hope you can attend to see the work your children have done, speak to their teacher about their learning and progress and it is also an opportunity to ask any questions you might have.

A reminder that children attending Breakfast Club **must** enter school by the gate/entrance to the playground not the main entrance. Staff are arriving in cars at this time so it is not safe for children to be coming into school through the car park. Also parents/families should not drive cars into the school grounds. Thank you for your support with this.