



Dear Parents and Carers

Wishing you all the very best for Christmas and a happy new year. 2017 is going to be an amazing year for all of us. We look forward to moving into our new school and welcoming our new Headteacher.



I want to celebrate our children's wonderful achievements with you, if you look at our Facebook page you will see all the events that have been happening over the Christmas period.

A big thank you must go to Mrs Molly Newton from Archbishop Holgate School as she led our wonderful KS2 choir at the Christmas Carol Concert at the Barbican on Sunday. I have to say, the singing of "one candle" was breath taking. Molly is helping us on the final day of term as we have our annual celebration at Heslington Church.



The new school is progressing very speedily and will soon have some classrooms complete for us all to visit in the new year.

From 4 January we are officially in what the contractors refer to as "decant mode". All the staff will be trained on that day on how to efficiently pack the purple packing boxes! We have already packed 50 over the summer when we thought we were moving in on 7 November.

I will keep you informed about the event we are planning in February to say goodbye to the old school. Information will go out at the start of the spring term.

I have several meetings planned with Kier Construction next week so will take some more pictures of inside the new school for Facebook. Please watch out for them.



I must also thank all the children who took part in the Archbishop Holgate's Christmas Carol Concert in York Minster as well as their Community Carol Concert. Your singing was fantastic!



In preparation for our move I will be talking to the whole school about the moving process and will lead a weekly assembly informing children of what will be happening. I appreciate how distressing this might be for some children, I am finding it hard myself, having spent a large part of my life at Lord Deramore's. All the staff want to make this a positive experience as we look forward to all the changes that are on the horizon.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on 5 January.

