

20<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the academic year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support as we have made improvements here at East Garforth Primary Academy. As the year has ended we have seen recognition from Ofsted that the school is now judged as 'Good' and we have also seen further improvement in our assessment results.

Whilst we acknowledge these successes, we recognise that there is more work to do. This year we have made significant improvements to the quality of teaching and learning and the curriculum. We have achieved this through staff training and a rigorous monitoring programme of fortnightly pupil progress meetings and regular lesson observations, this will continue and be developed even further next year.

We have also worked towards making improvements to the learning environment and this will also continue, thanks to the vital funds that are raised through our fantastic PTA. There are now some 'Inspiring Reading Areas' taking shape across school to ensure our children make progress in reading through their love of books. We would like to thank you all for your donations as well as thanking the committee members for their hard work in organising these events.

There will be some staffing changes in September due to two members of staff taking maternity leave. We wish Miss Dawson and Mrs Sanders all the best as they leave us temporarily. Miss Smith will be joining us in Year 3 and Mr Chalder will be staying on and moving to Year 6. We are also fortunate to be able to employ two extra Teaching Assistants to further support teaching and learning, Miss Martin and Mrs Varley will be joining the Key Stage 2 team.

From September 2017 Garforth Kids Club will be providing before and after school care from 7.30am-8.50am and 3.15pm-6.00pm. If you would like to secure a place for your child please visit: [www.garforthkidsclub.co.uk](http://www.garforthkidsclub.co.uk). Our own Breakfast Club which will now close, has been very successful this year and we thank Mrs Rogers and Mrs Foster for their dedication to making it such a success.

We are able to offer 30 hours free childcare in FS1 for eligible families of 3 and 4 year olds from September. To find out if you are eligible visit: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility).

We look forward to another successful year in 2017-2018 in partnership with our children and families. We hope you all have a fantastic summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Binns

Head of Academy