



3rd March 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The children have had a super week back at school and there is certainly a lot of excitement in the classrooms as the children build on their knowledge and develop their skills across all areas of the curriculum.

As you already know, Mrs Becky Allen is now our school SENDCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator). Mrs Allen is hugely experienced and highly respected and as well as being a class teacher for over 25 years she has also held the SENDCO position at Escrick for over 15 years.

Mrs Allen is currently in the process of a handover from Miss Tams, who will be able to allocate more of her leadership time to her Head of School role. We are looking forward to working with Mrs Allen two days a week and would like to take this opportunity to welcome her to the Wheldrake with Thorganby staff team.

This half term we have also welcomed Mr Patton to our staff team. He is co-teaching in Year 6 and also teaching the class every Friday as Ms Jackson has reduced her teaching commitment to 4 days a week. Mr Patton has very quickly developed a rapport with the children and is enjoying working with the children and in our school.

As a school we are reflective of our practice and regularly review and evaluate the curriculum and provision we offer. Early next week you will receive a parent questionnaire. I hope as many parents as possible complete and return this as the findings will allow us to further develop the teaching and learning experiences for your children.

I will also be present when we hold the parent evening meetings so should you wish to discuss anything then please just ask. I truly believe that an open partnership between school and home has huge advantages for each child and working together can only enhance their opportunities and outcomes.

I hope the children and staff are excited for the upcoming World Book Day and I look forward to seeing the costumes that are worn. It is a fantastic way for the children to share and celebrate the wonderful books and literature that we all share.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E E Miller'.

Miss E E Miller