

## ***NEWS FROM KETTLEWELL SCHOOL***

Well, here we are, already approaching the end of the academic year, and my first as Headteacher of Kettlewell School; and what a year it has been!

It has been a huge learning curve for everyone, not least for me, and I am very grateful for all the support I have received from staff, parents, governors, “friends” and by no means least, the pupils themselves.

In addition to their “normal” learning activities throughout the year, the children have enjoyed various activities, including music performances, sporting competitions, pirate day, “bikeability”, and an amazing few days at Carlton Lodge.

Alongside this we have had various “inspections” from Ofsted, Food hygiene and Health and Safety – all going well so far!

The SATs exams seem to have gone well, and all the children approached the tests with admirable maturity and dedication – we are very hopeful for some excellent results (if they were based on effort, we would get 100%!)

We have recently said “welcome back” to Mrs Malley and Emma Picton – we are delighted to have you both back with us – and farewell to Mrs Oakes, who has been successful in gaining a teaching position in Threshfield School.

That brings me to a preview of what to expect in the near future. Having thoroughly enjoyed our partnership with Upper Wharfedale School, the governors are now keen to formalise our arrangement and will be providing further details about this both within the Link magazine and via other written and verbal means. Please do ask if you have any questions about the proposed arrangements.

We are also very excited about our “facelift”, which includes a new outdoor area and a new school logo, signage and uniform – we hope you like them!

Best Wishes, Andrew Taylor