

# Cotherstone Primary School

## Governor Newsletter – Summer 2019

### **Our leavers..**

Year 6 are moving on to the next stage of their learning journey and we wish them all the very best as they move on to secondary school. We've watched them grow in confidence, develop their individual skills and interests, tackle new challenges, forge friendships and approach their primary years with enthusiasm and positivity. The commitment and hard work of Dr Jellis and all the school staff has allowed each pupil to reach their potential and enabled them to embark on their secondary adventure having received the best possible teaching and learning experiences at Cotherstone Primary School.

The Governors are extremely proud of our leavers and their accomplishments and attitude. Well done to each and every one and thank you for your valuable contribution to the life of our amazing school.



### **Our Headteacher, Dr Jellis....**

Words cannot express the true and deep gratitude felt by past and present members of our school community for the fierce commitment, passion and sheer hard work Dr Jellis has dedicated to our school, its pupils, staff and families. She is an inspirational teacher, headteacher and leader whose absolute priority has always been the pupils of our school. Her early departure from post was not motivated by any reason other than to secure the future of Cotherstone Primary for years to come and safeguard the outstanding provision that our small, rural school delivers for local children. Dr Jellis' difficult and selfless decision to leave post early is a lasting legacy to the past, present and future pupils of our uniquely special school.

On behalf of pupils, families and friends, the Governors would like to thank Dr Jellis for her exceptional commitment and dedication to Cotherstone Primary School.



## Our School....

Cotherstone Primary is moving forward into a new and exciting phase in order to secure its financial and operational future and to maintain the high standard of education it delivers for local children. The Governors are looking forward to working with Mrs Matthewman, who will be our shared headteacher with Bowes Hutchinson's CE Primary, in September and to establishing a relationship which will be beneficial for both outstanding schools. The Governors would like to thank Mrs Matthewman and the Governors of Bowes for taking this positive opportunity to strengthen the position of each school for the future.



## Thank you..

Sally Baker has been a member of our Governing Body during the time Cal, Heidi and Freddie have attended Cotherstone School. She is now retiring and we'd like to extend our huge thanks for her valuable support and input during the current, challenging climate in education.

We also say goodbye and thank you to Claire Robinson, who after many years of running the Cool Kids Cotherstone after school club has decided to move on to new adventures. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Claire for all her hard work and wish her the very best for the future.

Thankyou to Dr Jellis and staff who have, as ever, provided a wonderful range of learning experiences this term... from residential visits, sporting events, fundraising activities and mindfulness to theatre trips, environmental awareness and learning about the world of work.

Thanks also to the Friends of the School for their continued fundraising efforts especially over the Fun Weekend, and to everyone who has generously given their time to support the school.

**Happy Summer Holidays!**

**School reopens on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**