



# Bicker Preparatory School and Early Years

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Dear Parents,

Thank you so much, once again, for your many good wishes, gifts and cards, over the festive period. The Christmas season was truly uplifting, with Nativities, pantomimes, parties, visits to the theatre as well as the annual visit to Stonehaven Care Home to entertain the residents with carols and readings. The children are very aware of the difference that their visit makes, enabling the residents to rekindle childhood memories of Christmas.

This academic year we have undertaken a number of new initiatives, one of which was to invite a chosen local nursery to come and experience our programme of Forest School. We are delighted to have the experience and enthusiasm of Miss Goodacre, who has recently attended advanced Forest School First Aid training and is due to commence further Forest School training in February. Last term we welcomed Sunflower Lodge childcare from Spalding with whom we have enjoyed a number of shared initiatives including shared staff training opportunities. Their first cohort of children greatly enjoyed Forest School and their second cohort will be visiting us in January. We were also pleased to welcome them to our Christmas Nativity. Other local nurseries have also expressed an interest in our Forest School and we will keep you updated as things progress.

We have been delighted to welcome new families into the Bicker fold this academic year with another starting shortly and our numbers of new entrants remains steady. These families tell us how welcome they have felt and have enjoyed taking part in the Christmas events.

With this in mind, it has been exciting to follow the progress of the Parents' Association, who have now officially adopted a new logo and title and have become the Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA). We appreciate all the hard work and support they give to the school, which enables the children to enjoy an enhanced level of education. We know that the Parents' Association have always supported ICT development in school. We are delighted that the PTFA have agreed to continue to support this and, consequently, our ICT curriculum and resourcing is to be celebrated; our recent purchases of microbits and Lego Education kits have been welcomed by staff and children alike.

We are also looking forward to introducing a more varied range of school trips to enhance the termly topics covered in each class. Transport is always a hugely expensive element when considering outside visits and the PTFA have agreed to support us wherever possible to reduce the burden on parents.

As a school, we know how important good communication is, and how vital it is to ensure that everyone is well informed. I am delighted that staff have been keen to put together a termly newsletter, to keep parents informed of what has been happening in the classrooms from term to term. I am also pleased that the PTFA have decided to launch a regular newsletter to parents. We all endeavour to ensure that parents are kept updated on what is happening in school and likewise, we are keen to receive any feedback you may have. The PTFA have found the results of their survey informative and have used the information to plan the way forward. Likewise, in school we rely on parents completing the 'Parentview' survey, at least annually. If it is some time since you last completed a survey, please do visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login>

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all our parents, children and families a healthy, happy and prosperous 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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