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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas Break and we are looking forward to the exciting events of the Spring term. By the beginning of next week, all events taking place over the term will be updated on our website – including after school clubs that are starting or being re-established.

Ofsted Monitoring Visit

We are very pleased and proud that we have had a very successful monitoring visit from a HMI Inspector on Friday, December 8th. It was an opportunity to showcase effective teaching and for leaders to outline improvements already made and their plans for the future to continue to develop school further. The Inspector concluded that we are moving effectively towards a 'good' judgement at our next inspection. Please find the full report on our website for you to read.

New Appointments

We are very pleased to welcome Ms. S. Duggan to our teaching staff this year. She has been appointed as an Assistant Headteacher- alongside Mr Booth- and will also teach in 4C taking over from Mrs Roberts. A very rigorous interview process confirmed the many strengths that she has and we are looking forward to learning from her experiences at previous schools.

We are also excited to welcome Mrs Beedle as our new Business Manager. She has many new ideas for further improving school's operating efficiency stemming from her previous professional backgrounds and we are really looking forward to working with her to provide even better services for pupils and staff.

Governor Update

We are pleased to inform you that we have elected a new parent Governor after the recent vote and John Dossey will be joining us at our next meeting. We are looking forward to inducting him into the systems and processes that our Governors follow to hold leaders in school to account and ensure pupils are getting the best education possible. Thank you to both parents who were unsuccessful, we value your support and commitment to school.

Traffic Update

I have been contacted by residents and parents regarding the traffic congestion at the beginning and end of the school day. Wakefield Council and the local community policing team are continuing to patrol areas that should be kept clear and further solutions are being explored. Please be mindful of the residents that live near school- including as far away as Brookfield Avenue- and ensure that your car does not provide an obstruction which prevents them being able to enter, or exit their own drive. Last year, school explored the possibility of providing a 'walking bus' service if parents would like this, in order to ease traffic congestion but this was not widely supported. If you feel this would be a good idea, please ask reception to add your name to our list. If enough are interested, it is something we can look at putting into place.

Primary Director
of Education

Ms. J. Clarke

Headteacher:

Miss K Law

Deputy
Headteacher

Mrs J Roberts

Assistant
Headteachers:

*Mr L Booth
Ms S Duggan*

School Business
Manager:

Mrs S Beedle

Chair of
Governors:

Mrs S Churm



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Lates

We continue to remain very proud of school attendance for our pupils and we thank you for your part in this but please also try and make sure your children are at school on time as much as possible. When they arrive even five minutes late, they are missing precious time when they could be reading with an adult, doing their Accelerated Reader test, or completing their Maths Ninjas – all of which happen in some classes on a morning whilst the register is being taken. We keep a record of pupils who are regularly late and contact parents where this is becoming a growing issue.

Invitation into school

We would like to invite parents into school on a regular basis, starting from the second week back, to help your child with their learning alongside the teacher. We think it would be beneficial for the children to practice their mental arithmetic (their 'Maths Ninjas') and reading skills with you when you are free to attend. This session will take place on a Friday morning from 8:45am until 9:15am. It will alternate between reading and maths skills –starting with maths skills next Friday.

On this day, children will not line up and should come straight into school, with you, as they arrive. We do not expect all parents to be able to attend every week but we think it is lovely for the children to be able to show off their skills to you and celebrate with you as they get better and better over time. The sessions are designed to allow you to work with your child, see how we are teaching and encouraging improved reading and maths skills alongside our staff team. You do not have to stay for the whole time, just popping in and joining in for a while is fantastic for our pupils and allows them to practice their reasoning and explaining skills.

Internet Safety

Many children will have received electronic devices for Christmas. We would just like to remind you of the guidance available on our website to help you safeguard your children. The rise in strangers contacting children via social media is alarming and it is important we are all vigilant to prevent this happening.

We look forward to welcoming you all into school soon.

Kind regards,



Miss Law
Headteacher

