



## *Weekly News*

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term! It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back into school this week and see them settle straight back into the routines of the school day. This week in Collective Worship, we have taken some time to reflect on new beginnings and new year resolutions. The children have been keen to share the targets they have set themselves and it will be lovely to see how they get on with these over the coming weeks.

## *Staffing Update*

Today, we have said goodbye to Mr Wright, our site manager for the last couple of years. Mr Wright has played a pivotal role in ensuring the site is a clean and safe place for the children to learn. However, he has decided to have a bit of a career change and starts a new role next week. We will miss him very much in school but wish him well in his new ventures.

## *Teaching Structure*

This term, we have made a few small changes to staffing to ensure all teachers continue to receive their PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time and that both assistant headteachers receive time to fulfil their leadership responsibilities. This means Mrs Bolton will be teaching Year 1 in the afternoons and Miss Young will be teaching Year 2 in the afternoons. Both Mrs Bolton and Miss Young are very familiar faces for our Key Stage 1 children.

## *Home Reading*

This term, we are going to trial a different approach to recording children's home reading in Years 1, 3 and 6. This is on an online reading record using a simple form which is completed on your mobile phone.

We would like to invite parents of children in the above year groups into school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm to see a demonstration of this reading log and have a practice with your child. School staff will be available to support you with this. You just need to remember to bring your mobile phone!

## *Children's Birthdays*

As a school, we recognise that children often would prefer to spend their birthdays at home with their families. However, this isn't possible when a birthday falls on a school day. In order to help make a child's birthday special, we invite them to come to school dressed in their 'own clothes' on their birthday. Some children also choose to bring a shop bought cake to share with their friends and we will always ensure children have time to enjoy this. If children would like to we also give them chance to share news about their birthday. If a child's birthday falls during the school holidays or at weekend, they should attend school on the following day in their school uniform. Non uniform can only be worn when a child's birthday falls on a school day.

## *Attendance*

Class attendance 8 <sup>th</sup> January – 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		
Reception	93%	
Year 1	98 %	Well done
Year 2	94.5%	
Year 3	92 %	
Year 4	96.3%	Well done
Year 5	97.8%	Well done
Year 6	91.4%	
Whole School Attendance		
4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023- 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	94%	

## *Diary Dates*

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 3pm- Reading workshop for parents of children in Years 1/3/6

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February- Glow Party (100% Entertainment)

We will add more dates to the diary over the next few weeks.