



10th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all can I wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope all our families had a good break and enjoyed special times with family and friends.

As always there is a lot happening in school this term and communication at all levels is important please make sure you check the website for weekly newsletters and keep an eye on our Facebook page and school website.

Assemblies

Our celebration assemblies will start next week on Friday 19th of January. Please let us know if your children would like us to share any of their out of school achievements. Over the coming weeks children in KS1 and KS2 will be preparing for the cluster annual dance festival and we hope to share these dances in Friday's assemblies in the near future.

Attendance

As some parents will remember any child whose attendance, for whatever reason, falls below 90% is described by the government as a persistent absentee and a serious cause for concern. As a whole school our attendance is good. We do however have a small number of families whose children's attendance does fall below 90%. In the first instance we will work with these families to improve attendance, if this isn't successful then we will make a referral to the North Yorkshire Children and Families' Service. Obviously there are times when children are too poorly to be in school but can we ask that parents ensure children are in school whenever possible. We would also like to remind parents to try to avoid medical appointments during the school day if possible as this is a disruption to the children's education.

Staffing

From mid-January onwards Mrs Alison Scott will be having time off school as she is having a hip operation. We are anticipating she will need eight to ten weeks to recover. In her absence Mrs Brenda Potter will be teaching in Nursery. If you have a concern about your child in nursery or reception please see the class teacher in the first instance. Miss Katie Lea will be the acting deputy headteacher for the weeks Mrs Scott is absent.

Kind regards

Gail Lee

Headteacher