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January Newsletter

Dear Parents

A very happy new year to you all and welcome back to school! We return to a wintery scene this January but we have made it in this morning and the children have settled in brilliantly on their first day back. During very bad snowy or icy weather there is always news of school closures somewhere in the country. Closing the school would only ever be a very last resort if we cannot safely open due to staff not being able to make it in. I always hope to avoid this but in the event that we did have to close, we would let you know via Parent Hub as soon as possible.

Alongside this letter on Parent Hub, you will find your child's Learning Overview for the Spring A half-term. As usual, teachers will be very happy to discuss any aspect of this with you at a time of mutual convenience. Our curriculum is carefully planned and sequenced to ensure that we build up pupils' knowledge, skills and vocabulary in a meaningful and structured way throughout their time at school. We attach a high priority to enrichment and every half-term each class has a visit out of school or an externally-led special workshop in school to fit in with their learning; again, you can see this on the overview. The core school value we will be promoting this half-term is 'ambition' and we will be talking and reflecting with the children on ways to push ourselves to be the best we can be.

Next Tuesday, 13 January, we have the school photographer in to take class photographs which you will be able to order afterwards. I hope you decide to purchase one to capture this precious moment in the life of your child at school.

For parents of children in Reception and Y6, Thursday 29 January will be the day of the height and weight checks at school. This is called the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). The checks are carried out by registered school nurses or trained health and care providers. Parents of children in these classes will receive a letter giving further information about this in the coming days.

Finally, a reminder of the importance of attendance at school – and a big well done to children in Y4 who had the highest attendance last term at 95.8%!

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Orme
Headteacher

