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January Newsletter

Dear Parents

A very happy new year to you all and I hope you had a lovely Christmas break with your children. It is great to be back at school as we now begin our Spring Term and I very much look forward to seeing all our pupils embracing school life and the positive experiences open to them this term.

May I begin by stressing the importance of good attendance. This is by far the greatest factor in determining whether your children do well in school. Of course, our aim is for every child to have 100% attendance and indeed there are a great many who do. When a child is ill and must avoid school, eg for 48 hours following sickness, then this cannot be avoided. If your child's attendance drops below 90% (equivalent to attending for only 4 ½ days a week), this is classed as 'persistent absence' and we will take steps to rectify the situation, working closely with parents to bring about improvements. Holidays during term time are of course extremely undesirable and will not be authorised. Thanks to you all for your support and co-operation in this matter.

This half-term, children will be learning about the importance of 'ambition' - one of our school values – and how really pushing yourself positively can help you to achieve your goals. Please talk to your child about this special theme at home and encourage them in any way you can to be really ambitious. This could be on an aspect of their behaviour or any aspect of learning, eg reading, spellings, learning times tables etc.

We have a range of enrichment clubs beginning again this January, further details to come very soon!

On the back of this letter, I am very pleased to share with you your child's learning in class this half-term (Spring A). As usual, this can also be found on the 'classrooms' page of our school website where you can look back over previous learning this year in order to revisit and consolidate your child's developing knowledge, skills and vocabulary. Your child's class teacher will be very happy to discuss any aspect of our curriculum with you and is usually available for a quick chat before or after school. Alternatively, you can make an appointment for a longer discussion at a convenient time.

Finally, I am so grateful to you all, parents and children, for the fantastic efforts you have made in fund raising for school. Our Reindeer Run, organized by Miss Bridson in the office, raised a staggering £1128. Well done all involved! Our raffle during the Nativity shows in December raised a further £258. This money will contribute to the costs of much needed learning resources, trips and software which enhance the experiences of our pupils at school every single day. Thank you, everyone!

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Orme
Headteacher

