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Reading Update

At the end of Key Stage 1, a child who can read at 90 words a minute is considered to be a fluent reader. Most of our year 2 children recently completed a reading fluency assessment to see how many words they could read in a minute. Parents should now have received the results of these assessments. We have also sent you a list of ways to help you support your child with their reading fluency at home. If you need any more information about reading fluency, please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher.

Leeds United Foundation

This term, some of our children in years 3 and 4 have taken part in an after-school club with the help of the Leeds United Foundation. The children have learnt new football skills with a qualified coach. The coach has also been delivering a "sports leaders" programme with our year 5 children. When this programme has finished, the children should be able to lead games on the playground at lunchtime.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to years 2 and 3 for having an attendance of more than 98% last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
84%	91.4%	98.3%	98.8%	94.3%	93.9%	95.4%	93.7%

Word of the Month

We must allow our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word that is displayed in the classroom. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in December:

- Year 1 - review
- Year 2 - strict
- Year 3 - peculiar
- Year 4 - poignant
- Year 5 - elation
- Year 6 - nefarious

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need event. The school raised £1,350 which shows your incredible generosity!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

