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Welcome Back

I hope you had a great holiday! We have had a fantastic week in school and the children have settled back into school life really quickly.

Teaching and Learning

Information about what the teachers have planned for your child this term is on our website. We continue to have high expectations for our children and we ask you as parents to support us in this. Please have a look at the information under the Curriculum section of our website.

Year 3 Music

This year, we have continued to give the children in year 3 the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. During their music lessons, the children have been learning about samba drumming. They have also created “repeated patterns” with a range of instruments while keeping to the beat. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch their recent performance. It was great to see the children showing off what they had learnt in their lessons!

Library

Reading continues to be our focus for development and we must encourage our children to read for pleasure. Below are the times when your child will visit the library this half term. Please ensure your child brings their library book back to school on this day so that they can change it and take out a new book.

Year 1	Tuesday 23 rd April, Tuesday 7 th May and Tuesday 21 st May
Year 2	Wednesday 24 th April, Wednesday 8 th May and Wednesday 22 nd May
Year 3	Thursday 25 th April, Thursday 9 th May and Thursday 23 rd May
Year 4	Tuesday 16 th April, Tuesday 30 th April and Tuesday 14 th May
Year 5	Wednesday 17 th April, Wednesday 1 st May and Wednesday 15 th May
Year 6	Thursday 18 th April, Thursday 2 nd May and Thursday 16 th May

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class in the last week of the spring term. 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
89.3%	94.4%	96.7%	90.2%	96.2%	94.4%	95.0%	93.8%

Text Messages

Please remember to tell us if you change your mobile number so that we can update our system. We need up-to-date contact numbers in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

Always Green Event

Before the holidays, the children had a visit from a den building company as a reward for staying on green all term. The children had lots of fun and I am glad that they were able to learn new skills that you would need to join the circus! I was really pleased that 95% of our children attended the event. This term, I hope even more children manage to stay on green by making sure that they always follow the golden rules.

Making an Appointment

If you have any concerns at all, please make an appointment to speak to your child’s class teacher first. You can make this appointment by telephoning or visiting the office. If you feel that your child’s teacher cannot help, please make an appointment to see Mr Jackson, our Deputy Head, or me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

