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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to have a full staffing team for January and would like to invite parents of EYFS and KS1 to our meet the teacher sessions.

Meet the teacher

We would like to open our classroom doors to welcome Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents to come and meet the new teachers. We will be opening our doors on Monday 26th January from 8.45-9.00am and Thursday 29th January straight after school until 3.45pm.

Reading doesn't have to be boring!

We are challenging our children to read in an unusual, creative – but safe location! This could be in different places in your house e.g. trampoline, in a tree house or den our outside while on adventures. This will form part of a new display in the school library area so if you could capture a picture and send or email it in.

Year 3 Phonics buddies

Our Year 3 children have eagerly been matched with a class member from Year 1. Each day straight after lunch they are practicing phonic sounds and will start to read real and nonsense words linked to the phonic sounds. Year 1's should now have sound mats in their reading bags so they can practice saying each sound at home too.



Year 3 Bikeability Training – 2nd February

Level 1 bikeability training for Year 3 will be on Monday 2nd February, please consent via the following link or visit the QR code. Please stipulate if your child needs to borrow a bike and/or helmet.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/seed-lie-pep>



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Multi-faith assembly



We were very lucky to have Safiana come and talk to us about different faiths and religions. This week the religion focus was Islam. Children looked at

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traditional Muslim clothes, festivals, artefacts and celebrations that are important to Islam.

Wellbeing Newsletter

Come along to our first wellbeing events with Sarah, she can't wait to meet you!

Monday 19th January – Coffee morning 8.45-9.30am

Monday 26th Jan, 2nd and 9th Feb for children anxiety-based parent workshops.

Monday 23rd Feb, 2nd and 9th March for children behaviour-based parent workshops.

Clubs

We are delighted to get our after school, teacher ran clubs back up and running and had lots of interest in the clubs. We limit bookings to one club per child to ensure as many children as possible can attend. Miss Harrison's dance club will now be open to KS1 children. If you would like to book onto this it will be available from 5pm tonight.

Wassailing celebration

The children met Mike on Wednesday and discovered that around our local area there have been fruit trees planted and as part of an ancient tradition a Wassailing celebration is held. This will take place on Saturday 24th January, starting at 5pm. Please see information emailed and on showbie for more details.

Arriving to school via the office

If you need to speak to the office or hand anything into the office, at the start of the day, we ask that children are dropped off via the playground first, so they are not marked as late on the register. The office gets very busy at the start of the day and children that enter via the office must complete the arriving after registration paperwork as registers are completed by teachers in the classroom.

Smoking and vaping

Our whole school site is a non-smoking site which includes vaping. We would politely ask that adults do not smoke or vape on site when waiting to collect or drop off children.

Uniform

We understand that during the snow and cold conditions that children may wear alternative clothing to school, but once in school all children should be wearing the correct school uniform. If children wish to wear boots these should be black leather style boots. PE uniform should be plain black leggings or joggers, plain black or school logo hoodie. Small branding logos are acceptable on leggings or joggers.

Reporting Absences

Please report all absences to the school as soon as possible. We appreciate your support in making sure children are well when they come to school, and we may need to send them home if they become unwell during the school day.

Number of days we have achieved 100% this academic year	11
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Class	Week Beg 15/12/25 % Attendance	Week Beg 05/01/26 % Attendance	Lates
Miss Machin	96.8%	89.5%	4
Miss Bateman	100%	96.3%	6
Miss Harrison	100%	97%	5
Mrs Hammersley	95.5%	98.2%	4
Mrs Moores	95.6%	89.6%	6

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Star of the Week and Values Winners

Congratulations to our stars whose efforts and achievements have been celebrated in our Celebration Assembly week ending 5th & 12th December.

Nursery – Martha P & Maisie P

Reception – Jude & Reggie

Year 1 – Gracie & Sienna

Year 2 – Holly & Eve

Year 3 – Olive & Brody

Year 4 – Ivy & Kian

For Respect & Resilience

Our STAR winners are::

Nursery – Abel & Alfie B

Reception – Tommie & Gabriel

Year 1 – Whole Class & Jessica

Year 2 – Oscar & Reuben

Year 3 – Willoughby & Lawrence

Year 4 – Kendal & Orla

Well done to you all – we are super proud of you!

Dates for your Diary

19th January – Wellbeing coffee morning
26th January – Meet the teacher before school
26th January – EYFS anxiety in children workshop
28th January – Y4 Stanley Head meeting
29th January – Meet the teacher after school
2nd February – KS1 anxiety in children workshop
2nd February – Year 3 Level 1 Bikeability
3rd February – Year 1 class assembly – 9am start
parents and grandparents' welcome
5th February – Young Voices concert at the Co-op arena
9th February – KS2 anxiety in children workshop
10th February – PTFA Valentines disco
10th February – Safer Internet day
13th February – Inset day – school closed to pupils
23rd February – school reopens for all pupils.

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