

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope you all had a good break and managed to stay free of all the coughs, colds and flu that are currently in circulation.

It has been widely reported that there has been a lot of respiratory illness in our communities over the Christmas period and we are all being advised to be particularly vigilant during the winter months to prevent the further spread of infection. We find ourselves in a position where we are encouraging high levels of attendance to raise standards whilst also advising caution if you, or your children, are feeling unwell. It is certainly not an exact science and we all need to continue to do our best to make sensible decisions.

It was lovely to see all of the children return on Tuesday and we welcomed everybody back in a whole school assembly. We discussed new year resolutions, as you might expect, but I also wanted to remind everybody about our school values, at the start of a new year, and what this might look like on a daily basis in school.

The values that we have discussed and agreed with the children, staff and governors are as follows:

**P - Perseverance**

**R - Respect**

**I - Integrity**

**D - Diversity**

**E – Excellence**

The plan for the spring is to have a regular focus on each of these values because we believe that a deep understanding and real-life implementation will help us to achieve our aims as a school, support the children's personal development and they might also help us to keep some of our new year' resolutions!

On the topic of resolutions and 'being our best selves' can I also add a quick reminder about good attendance and punctuality, smart uniform, healthy snacks, no dogs on the playground and safe driving and parking around school: they are all important and contribute to our school being a safe and happy environment for all our children, families and staff.

Our newsletter returns next Friday and I look forward to sharing lots of school achievement and curriculum adventures with you in the weeks to come. In the meantime, best wishes for a happy, healthy and successful 2023 and many thanks for your continuing partnership.

Yours sincerely,



Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)