



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas break.

Please note the following:

RECENT OFSTED INSPECTION

I was very pleased to receive a letter from Richard Crane (Head of Education & Skills at Durham County Council) congratulating us on the successful outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. Please see the attached copy.

STAFF UPDATE

As you may already be aware, Miss Dodds has started her maternity leave today. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her all the best for the remainder of her pregnancy and for the safe delivery of her baby at some point in the near future.

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Trueman will be teaching Class 3 for the rest of the academic year. Mr Trueman is a very experienced teacher who is looking forward to joining our team.

For the period of Miss Dodds' maternity leave, Mrs Bradwell will become Acting Deputy Headteacher. I look forward to working with Mrs Bradwell in her new role as we continue to provide the very best educational experience for all the children in our care.

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Hardie gave birth to baby Thomas on Monday 1 December. Mother and baby are both doing well and we hope to see them in school sometime soon.

COFFEE AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

We will be holding our coffee afternoon on the above date, commencing at 1.15pm. As usual we would be most grateful for the contribution of cakes, scones, biscuits etc. for the refreshment stall. The book club will run throughout the afternoon. If your cupboard is full of Christmas presents that may not be suitable for you please recycle them. We are always looking for raffle prizes - any donations are most welcome.

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

School will close for the half-term holiday on **Friday 14 February 2020 at 3.15pm**. We return on **Monday 24 February 2020**.

Mr W. Kirtley (Headteacher)