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COURAGE, CONFIDENCE, RESPECT, BELONGING

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope that you all enjoyed Christmas and New Year. The children have been full of tales of interesting games played, food eaten and family events they have been to. Staff were touched by the lovely thoughtful gifts that were given and the chocoholics among us have certainly indulged during the break.

The term is now in full swing, with new learning topics introduced this week. Y2 seem particularly taken with their 'simples' topic involving Sonny the meerkat and have already produced some fantastic writing. The new focus Friday groups have also started to much excitement and we have another new external partner- BAE systems, who are supporting staff to run the Go Kart Challenge alongside the existing formula one teams run by Mrs Quare.

We have a couple of new and familiar faces joining us. We have welcomed back Miss Mancini to teach hedgehogs class, Mrs Carrano has joined us to support in Y6 and Mrs Studart, Mrs Stubbs and Mrs Powell have launched our new nursery. This is a great addition to our school and we are really pleased at how well the new children have settled in.

I am continuing to oversee the centre as well as the main school until new centre leadership arrangements are made, so we have also been joined by Mrs Rowley-Jones, an additional part-time deputy headteacher with a focus on standards in main school. Mrs Strangleman continues as my deputy across the whole school.

Significant improvements have been made since our last Ofsted when the school was rated as 'good' in all areas. At our most recent trust internal review in November we were rated as outstanding in two areas and myself and the staff are committed to securing continuous improvement to provide the best possible education, particularly a really strong curriculum that prepares the children for more than just SATS! This extra staffing capacity will allow us to accelerate this process and deliver our vision for a strong learning community with confident and happy pupils.

A key dates sheet of activities for pupils will be coming out separately next week but our main event for parents this term is our **formal parents evenings on 6th and 7th February**. Details will come out from the office soon about how to book a slot. This meeting will give you a chance to talk through your child's individual assessment summary with the class teacher, which you will have a hard copy of to take home. It is a great chance to celebrate success and agree on next steps to help the children be the best that they can be.

Best wishes.

Mrs Deevoy

(Head of School)



A huge THANK YOU to all our parents/carers parents/carers who helped support the school's chosen charities at the charities during the recent Christmas performances.

A total of **£434.04** was raised! This will be split equally between

Winstons Wish – the first established charity to support child bereaver services across the uk.



As well as **HCPT** (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust) – which is a charity offering pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes(South of France) for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield.



HOUSE POINTS

The battle has re-commenced for House Points this year!

In Term 2 we saw the results as follows:-

House	Points total		
Leeds	483	Cooling	405
Rochester	441	Upnor	337

Leading in first place is Leeds, closely followed by Rochester ... then Cooling and Upnor! Keep up the good work everyone, it is great to see so many of you earning a house point for showing strong school values.