



"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

A very Happy New Year to you all. Many thanks for all your good wishes at the end of last term. The staff are all ready for the new year and we were delighted to welcome all the children back on Tuesday. We welcomed five new children into school, all of whom are settling brilliantly and making new friends.

As you will be aware, we have started 2019 with four classes, bringing our class sizes back more in line with the Langton norm. To avoid any confusion, we have named the classes after local rivers – Derwent, Foss, Ouse and Rye. Our assemblies this week are based around the theme of positive attitudes and it has been brilliant to see all the children demonstrating this during the first two days back at school. The topic homework to be sent home at the end of this week will also be linked to this theme. Encouraging our children to demonstrate resilience in their learning and attitude to school life is one of our school values which we will be focussing on this term.

You will be receiving curriculum newsletters from your child's class teacher this Friday. These will outline the areas of learning for the term based around a topic and we aim to link all areas of the curriculum to this. In class, we will also be enjoying class novels and stories together which is not only a special thing to share but also an effective way to develop language and writing skills. I remember my favourite memories of my own primary school years being when I was sitting and listening to my teacher reading a story and becoming fully engrossed in them. The letters will also tell you when PE is for your child this term, although I do recommend that PE kits are brought in on a Monday and kept in school all week just in case we fit in an extra PE session. It is important that all children have their PE kits in school as children will not participate in PE lessons and clubs if they do not have their kits with them. Please ensure all PE kits are appropriately named. Our Lost Property box is overflowing with unnamed clothing. Over the next couple of days, I am going to ask the School Council to sort out the lost property and all children will have the chance to come and see if any of it belongs to them. If you are aware that your child has lost something, please feel free to come and have a look before or after school. Anything not claimed before the end of next week will be taken to the charity shop.

Over the coming weeks, we have got a variety of activities planned, including some sporting fixtures. Last term, we were able to purchase some new i-Pads and the children will be using them for the first time next week. The staff have also got quite a few training sessions planned in after school sessions over the next few weeks which will benefit the children moving forward.

This term is always a hardworking one. We don't have the Christmas or Summer end of term events to plan so we have a real focus on our learning and love to see the children make progress in the run up to Easter. Mr Walker and I are starting SATS Club next Tuesday for Year 6 children. Biscuits and juice will be provided again! This half term is relatively long in the lead up to half term. Winter has been kind to us so far but the Newsletter coming out next Friday will have a reminder about our winter weather procedures in the unlikely event of having a school closure.

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray
Chair of Governors: Mr Andrew Priestley

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

February half term is the week beginning Monday 25th February but please be aware that staff have a training day on **Friday 22nd February** so children are not in school on that day.

Over the Christmas holidays, our School kitchen was redecorated. It is now looking spick and span and ready for Mrs Goodwill to work her magic. The menu is on our School website. I have reminded children in assembly this week about being willing to try things on the school menu as it is amazing how many times the children really enjoy new tastes. It is of course very helpful to us if children are eating from the school menu and we appreciate your support with this.

As always, please feel free to come and speak to either your child's class teacher or myself if you have something you need to discuss. I will be holding a parent Forum at 2.30pm on Tuesday 29th January. This will be an opportunity to discuss school life. If anyone would like anything adding to the agenda for discussion, please do let myself or Sam know. I appreciate that this is in the school day, but for those of you who are working, we will put minutes from the meeting on the School website.

With very best wishes,

Rachel Ray
Headteacher