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**‘Laying the Foundations for Life’**

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Hello everyone,

Happy New Year!!! I hope that you had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed quality family time.

**Welcome**

Welcome to Mrs Kent, our new Assistant Head/SENDSCO who is teaching class 1J. Moving forward, we will be calling this class 1K. Welcome also to Ms Fussell who is teaching class 6O – now known as class 6F.

**Reading at home**

We are going to be having a big push on reading at home this term. Reading is an essential part of children’s learning and it is a concern that some of our KS2 children have only read one or two books last term. At the end of this newsletter, there is a ‘Top Tips For Reading With Your Child at Home’ leaflet. Each week, one child will be chosen to receive a certificate and prize in our weekly reward assembly to reward their efforts with reading. Also, we are inviting each class to come to our school library with their parents to enjoy a book – a separate email has been sent regarding this.

**SumDog**

Year 6 children have all had accounts created for an interactive maths support game. Children will be able to access this in school time (a rota will be in place) but can also use this on tablets/ipads/laptops at home. A separate email will be sent regarding this.

**Smart watches and mobile phones**

We have a number of children wearing expensive apple/smart watches – lovely Christmas presents! – but please can I ask that they are not brought to school? Not only are they at risk of being damaged, but they can also be a distraction and children/parents/carers shouldn’t be communicating using them during the day. A number of our older children have started to bring mobile phones to school. I appreciate, that this is an ideal way for children to communicate with families during the walk to/from school, but I must stress that these MUST not be used on school grounds. Any mobile phone brought into school MUST be kept in the school office during the day.



**Attendance for this week**

	Year 3	94%
Reception	90%	Year 4 97%
Year 1	95%	Year 5 92%
Year 2	98%	Year 6 91%
<b>Average</b>		<b>94%</b>

The school attendance target is **97%**.

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### Stay and Learn Sessions

Our next stay and learn sessions will take place week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> Feb:

Date	Time
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15 Year 6
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15 Year 2 2:45 – 3:15 Year 5
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15 Year 1 2.45 Reception
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15am Year 3 Hall needed 2.45 Year 4
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00 Nursery AM 2.45 Nursery PM

Important dates:	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Wear your scarf to school day (Supporting our SCARF PSHE curriculum!)
Wk beg Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – more information to follow
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter

Have a lovely weekend!

*J L Clovis*

Headteacher