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Dear All

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Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and celebrated the New Year in style. School is already back into 'full swing' – with much for us all to look forward to in the coming months. Class newsletters are being sent out this week with specific details. A special welcome to those in Nursery who are our 'New Starters' - and to those of you who are new to us in other year groups. We hope that your child settles in quickly and enjoys their new phase of learning at our school.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 16th January 9:10–11:30am - Y5/Y6 'Ready, Steady, Cook' Ferryhill Business Enterprise College

Wednesday 14th January 3:15 – 4:30 - Y6 Booster first session

Thursday 22nd January – Year 2 Family Assembly 9:15am

Thursday 29th January – Year 1 Family Assembly 9:15am

Thursday 5th February – Reception Family Assembly 9:15am

Friday 6th February – British Heart Foundation / Unicef 'A Day for Change' Fundraiser

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February – Y5 Ukulele Concert 2:30pm

Friday 13th February – school breaks up for Spring half-term

Re-opens for teaching purposes 8:50am Monday 23rd February

School Success

The results of our school performance at the end of KS2 for 2014 have been published and can be found at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/cgi-bin/schools/performance/school.pl?urn=131865>. When compared to similar schools, there is no better performing school within a 75 mile radius. Well done to all those students for another fantastic set of results!

School Uniform

There are many reasons why we strongly encourage the wearing of our school uniform. There is much evidence that wearing uniform promotes positive attitudes towards learning and taking pride in school achievement; in a nutshell, it contributes to the raising of standards and promotes success. From a practical point of view, it is less costly than branded items – and removes the stigma that some children may feel if their families are unable to provide them with expensive kit. Additionally, getting dressed for school becomes a far more straight-forward task – with far less scope for argument and debate over 'what to wear'. Our uniform is practical, safe and comfortable. Please support us by ensuring that your child is wearing our uniform – black plain trainers/black shoes with a low/flat heel (NOT brightly coloured sports trainers, fashion shoes or fashion boots), black or navy trousers/skirts (NOT branded tracksuit bottoms), navy school jumper or sweater (ideally with the school logo – although not compulsory).

The vast majority of parents are highly supportive of our uniform policy – and I thank you very much for this. In the very near future, we hope to review our uniform – potentially replacing the green polo with a white shirt and tie – and will be consulting with parents on this.

Money

When sending in money to school, please remember to put the date on the front of the envelope. Thanks.

Being 'Learning Ready'

We plan to introduce a new reward for pupils who are 'Learning Ready' by adding an additional 10 minutes to Friday lunch-break. Pupils will qualify who complete homework (including reading records), bring appropriate PE kit and wear correct school uniform daily across the school week.

Y6 SATs Meeting

A big 'thank you' to the very many parents who supported our information meeting this Wednesday. Please be aware that Y6 and senior staff can be available to meet with parents who were unable to attend due to work or family commitments – and that all information from the evening will be sent home with children today (Friday 9th). Should you have further questions or queries – please do not hesitate to contact us via the main office.

Mobile telephone numbers

In order to keep the texting service up to date – please make sure any changes in mobile phone numbers are given to the office staff as soon as they come into effect. Thank you.

Awards	Reader	Mathematician	Star of the Week	Citizen of the week
Morning nursery			Macy	Leon
Afternoon nursery			Summer	Braydon
Class 1			Kiera	Hope
Class 2			Jimmy	William
Class 3	Portia	Lennix		
Class 4	Lexie	Mason		
Class 5	Preston	Ethan		
Class 6	Lenon	Faith		
Class 7	Keon	Kacey		
Class 8	Josh	Calum		
Class 9	Rachel	Megan		
Class 10	Lucy	Josh		
Class 11	Thomas	Zoe		
Class 12	Brogan	Euan		
Class 13	Connor	Jackson		

As usual, if you have any queries, suggestions or comments, please contact a member of staff or myself via the main school office.

Very best wishes,

A. Pybus-Coates
Headteacher



