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Dear All –

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Welcome back! We hope you 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.

A special welcome to those in Nursery who are our 'New Starters'. We hope that your child settles in quickly and enjoys their new phase of learning at our school.

Our Egyptian / Roman / Viking Visitor....

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Years 3, 4 and 5 had wonderful workshops delivered by our guest speaker. The children were able to handle a huge range of artefacts and mock relics from the periods and also dressed up in costume. The sessions were highly informative and greatly enjoyed....

'On Monday Y3 were thrilled to meet Imohtep - an 'adviser' to an Ancient Egyptian pharaoh! He showed us how to greet an Egyptian and guided us through carrying out a mummification! A great time was had by all!'

(Mrs Jones – Y3)

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 10th). Should you have further questions or queries – please do not hesitate to contact us via the main office.

Enter CIC Taster Workshop Day

On Monday 13th January, we are very pleased to be hosting the Enter Cic team - who will deliver a special assembly illustrating their work and providing exciting taster workshops for our children. We will shortly become an outreach arm for Enter, offering weekly workshops on site (previously students travelled to Ferryhill). Details to follow shortly.

For your information: Adopted Children and those under Guardianship Orders

You may already be aware, that as part of school's budget plan we receive "pupil premium funding" for children whose parents receive free school meals, serve in the armed forces or are looked after by Local Authorities.

From 2014, for the first time, funding will be included for children who have been adopted from Care or have left Care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order.

It is up to those who have parental responsibility (adoptive parents, special guardians and carers of former looked after children on residence orders) to decide if they wish schools to know whether such children have been adopted, or are under a special guardianship order or a residence order, so that they may be recorded on school census returns appropriately.

If this applies to you and any one of your children, could you please contact school and speak to either myself or Mrs Samways. As always, information received will be held in the strictest confidence.

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.

Free School Meals

A reminder to parents that If you currently claim free school meals and your personal circumstances change – ie you are no longer entitled to free school meals - then it is YOUR responsibility to advise school of these changes. Failure to do so may result in monies being recovered from the date you are no longer eligible.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th January – Enter CIC Workshop Taster Day

Thursday 23rd / Friday 24th January – Storyteller in Residence (Adam Bushnell)

Thursday 23rd January – Gymnastic coaching commences for 5 x weeks (Y6)

Thursday 30th January - Family Assembly Y5 9.15am

Thursday 6th February - Family Assembly Y6 9.15am

Friday 14th February – school closes for February Half-term

Monday 24th February – School re-opens for teaching purposes

Awards

Neat Handwriting and Presentation

Class 1	Keyn	Class 2	Sarah	Class 3	Luke
Class 4	Lennon	Class 5	Aaron	Class 6	Josslin
Class 7	Hollie	Class 8	Joshua	Class 9	Ty
Class 10	Leo	Class 11	Brogan	Class 12	Harry
Class 13	Savanna				

Maths Award

Class 1	John	Class 2	Kaiden	Class 3	Lula
Class 4	Dillon	Class 5	Olivia	Class 6	Megan
Class 7	Rebecca	Class 8	Rebecca	Class 9	Fern
Class 10	Bethany	Class 11	Jackson	Class 12	Leah
Class 13	Jack				

Citizen of the Week

Class 1	Lexie	Class 2	Emily	Class 3	Zach
Class 4	Natalia	Class 5	Holly	Class 6	Rachel
Class 7	Ella	Class 8	Harry	Class 9	Ellie
Class 10	Jack	Class 11	Leah	Class 12	Hallie
Class 13	Abigail				

Nursery Star of the Week

am nursery: Daniel

pm nursery: Macy

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

Best wishes to all,

A. Pybus-Coates
Headteacher

