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Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

Happy new year to all parents and carers. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday and had a good rest. It was great to see so many smiling faces in the playground this morning.

Sickness and absence

Many of you will have been struck by the diarrhea and vomiting illness that struck us at the end of term. I do hope this did not spoil the holiday for you. Please rest assured that our cleaners have been working overtime to ensure that the premises have been thoroughly cleaned. We seem to be back to near full attendance; while I am always keen to ensure children are in school and learning, national guidance is that children should not return to school for 48 hours after such sickness. This helps to reduce transmission of the illness.

Parent questionnaire

On the reverse of this letter I have printed the results of the parent questionnaire for your information. Parents who responded have been very positive on the whole – many thanks for your confidence in the school. Most encouraging was that the approval ratings all showed an increase since last year – the school is improving.

New staff

We welcome Mrs Foster who has become our new Year 2 teacher. We also welcome Ms. Carver and Mrs Tierney – new teaching assistants in Years 4 and 5.

Christmas Jumper Day: 16th December

We raised, in the end, £301.56 for the save the Children Fund – a great effort – thank you for your generosity.

Clubs

A further letter will be coming home tomorrow regarding clubs, etc. Clubs should start next week.

Online safety

I know that a good number of children now have their own mobile phones and access various social media sites. This can cause many problems, not least cyber-bullying. Some parents have raised this issue with me, and we will be talking to children about it in class. Further information will be sent home in the near future. In the short term, I can only urge parents to be vigilant regarding their children's use of online sites.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Howe

Headteacher