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Dear Parents

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a great Christmas and enjoyed the festive period, I know my children did!

#### League Tables

We start 2017 on the back of the positive news that the school has been **ranked 14<sup>th</sup>** in the league tables, announced just before Christmas, for the whole of North Yorkshire. This is a terrific achievement and we are proud has been recognised. It is a super benchmark for us and we will continue the good work this year, which demonstrates the teamwork between staff, parents and children. The targets we have set ourselves for this year are equally as high.

#### House Winners

Last half term's House Team winners were Mallards, earning a house reward afternoon. Well done to all the children for earning so many house points last term.

#### Clubs

We will be running a number of after school clubs again this term for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Letters will be sent out next week for you to sign up.

#### Class 3

Mr Hill is currently on long term sick, we wish him a speedy recovery. In the meantime I have employed Karen De Bethl to cover Class 3. She is an experienced teacher with many years of experience teaching in schools at every

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age range. She will start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January and will work alongside Mr Wyrill to ensure a smooth transition for the children. I would like to welcome her to the team.

### Music Lessons

If your child has a music lesson they will begin again during the week commencing the 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### Social Media

As I know many of us use social media to communicate, and it is a valuable and sometimes essential way to get messages across, I would however like to bring your attention to the following:

*Parents of children in North Yorkshire schools are increasingly using social networking sites such as Facebook to talk to their friends. Sometimes parents have used these sites to criticise or make inappropriate comments about schools or even individual teachers.*

*Making defamatory comments on the internet has exactly the same serious legal consequences as if they are made directly to someone else. Legal action could be taken against the person who has made the online comment. Similarly threats of violence can lead to criminal proceedings under the Malicious Communications Act 1988.*

*If you have any concerns about anything which happens in school please speak to your child's class teacher or the Headteacher who will do their best to resolve things.*

The school will always listen to your concerns and would prefer that any issues you feel you have about school are dealt with using the correct procedure. First by speaking to your child's class teacher, then myself; if you are still unhappy we have a complaints procedure which will ensure that your concerns are investigated thoroughly and appropriate action taken.

### Tyre Park and Playground Equipment

As many will have seen we have a lovely new addition to our playground. At the end of last term a tyre park was added to the playground for the children to use for balance and agility, as well as an all weather surface under the trim trail. Please could I ask that you do not allow your children to use it before or after school due to the health and safety of children and adults when on the school site. All the children will get a chance to use it during the week for break time or during a PE session.

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As always we look forward to a wonderful term, each class has some exciting topics in the coming months. If you have any queries please see a member of staff or send us an email via the school website.

### **Diary Dates**

Date	Event
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Open the Book Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena
25 <sup>th</sup> January	NSPCC Assembly- "Speak Out Stay Safe"
1 <sup>st</sup> February	NSPCC Workshops Y5 and 6
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 and 2 Trip to Railway Museum
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Open the Book Assembly
20 <sup>th</sup> February to 24 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Consultation Meetings
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Open the Book Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> April to 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holiday
24 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
8 <sup>th</sup> May to 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
17 <sup>th</sup> May to 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Residential
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Assembly