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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! Despite some frosty mornings, we have managed to get through our first week back without adverse weather disruption, and I for one am really grateful for that (not so sure the children share my views!). On behalf of the staff team can I send sincere thanks for the generous Christmas cards and gifts given at the end of the autumn term. Such things are never expected but are always really appreciated and gratefully received—thank you.

Keeping in touch...

Class teachers are your first port of call for communication about your child's learning and class events, and DOJO seems to be working well as a messaging service if you are unable to talk with the class teacher at the end of the school day. Should you wish to share a concern, class teachers are always happy to meet and discuss this informally so that worries can be alleviated quickly and in the best interests of children. Our year group leaders are also on hand to help you if you feel you need to escalate a concern.

Our Year Leaders are:

			
Year 3 Mrs. Barker 3B class teacher Geography & Sustainability Subject Leader	Year 4 Miss Rees 4R class teacher Science and Lyfta Subject Leader ECT Mentor	Year 5 Mrs. Parry 5P class teacher Art and Design Technology Subject Leader ITT Mentor	Year 6 Mr. Thomas 6T class teacher Mathematics Subject Leader KS2 to KS3 transition Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC)

I am very well supported by a team of experienced senior leaders who have specific whole school responsibilities. Senior leaders are not always class based but do have additional teaching commitments therefore we ask that appointments are made by contacting the school office.

			
<p>Mrs. Lindley Deputy Headteacher Curriculum, Teaching &amp; Learning, English reading and phonics, DDSL (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leader)</p>	<p>Mrs. Mckie Assistant Headteacher Inclusion, Safeguarding DSL (Designated Safeguarding Leader)</p>	<p>Mrs. Miller SENCO, DDSL (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leader)</p>	<p>Mrs. Tarran School Business Manager</p>

### **Curriculum Enrichment - swimming**

Y4 started weekly swimming lessons on Tuesday. The course of lessons is an essential part of the PE curriculum and also the 'think safe, keep safe' aspect of our personal development curriculum. Over the term, children will develop their skills and confidence to swim independently and will learn water safety skills that will equip them for life. For a lot of children, school swimming lessons are their first swimming experience. With this in mind, I wanted to share how well everyone did on Tuesday. Because of the time of year, it might be a good idea to send children with a hat on Tuesdays so that heads are warm even when hair is a little damp. This is especially important for children in 4H and 4R who swim in the morning.

### **Curriculum Enrichment – music**

Because we know how important music education is to children's academic, personal and social development, we buy into Doncaster Music Service's first access music programme. This enhances our music curriculum in year groups where teachers are not music specialists. Through this programme, children in LKS2 have a weekly music lesson taught by specialist music teachers. Mr Wragg teaches Ukulele in Y4 and Mr Watterson teaches Samba Band in Y3. We are hoping to get a Ukulele Orchestra up and running very soon – watch this space. (offered as an open after-school club)

### **Young Voices**

Our Young Voices choir is now rehearsing on Wednesdays (until 4:15pm) in preparation for the concert at Sheffield Arena on 10<sup>th</sup> February. More news on the way over the next couple of weeks regarding the organisation of that event.

### **Y6 Crucial Crew**

Another important 'think safe, keep safe' aspect of our personal development curriculum is the Y6 visit to Crucial Crew, coming up on the 4<sup>th</sup> February. It is delivered at the *Lifewise Centre in Rotherham* where there is a film-set environment featuring locations including a court room, supermarket and street scene. Pupils take part in a variety of interactive scenarios, covering topics from road safety and anti-social behaviour to child exploitation. The programme teaches pupils about safety and citizenship. At this stage in their life, many Y6 pupils are gaining a lot of independence without necessarily having the experience and skills to be able to keep themselves safe. This



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programme enables us to educate our pupils so they can make safe life choices. Please could we ask that you make the payment on the Arbor app, if you have not already done so.

### Uniform reminders

Please ensure that children do not wear jewellery to school. We ask that where children have pierced ears they wear one pair of simple stud earrings and not loops, hoops and dangles.

### 3W Curriculum Assembly

We'd like to cancel and reschedule 3W's curriculum assembly scheduled for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Miss Miller will be in touch to give you the rescheduled date in due course.

### Y5 Dearne Valley Residential

If your child is taking part, please attend the parent information meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 5:30pm. At this meeting we will be sharing the itinerary, kit requirements, travel arrangements and risk assessments etc. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Scawsby Attendance Target is 97%

Good attendance matters because children matter and because learning matters. Children who miss school regularly miss out which can impact academic progress, personal development and social development. At SJA we monitor attendance weekly and share class attendance figures. The attendance competition is hotly contested by our children and the staff team! Everyone wants to be the weekly attendance champions. The table below shows class attendance figures for the week and year to date. You can keep up to date with your child's attendance register

Class	This week	YTD	Class	This week	YTD
3B Mrs. Barker	94.8	95.9	5B Miss Boyd	95.9	94.4
3W Miss Miller	93.9	95.5	5M Mrs. McKie	96.6	96.2
3LM Mrs. Miller & Mrs. Lindley	97.6	97.1	5P Mrs. Parry	94.8	97.6
4H Mr. Haley	90.8	95.6	6T Mr. Thomas	94.8	95.5
4R Miss Rees	95.7	96.1	6P Mrs. Petch	97.4	96.8
4T Mrs. Thomas	97.4	96.3	6W Miss. Walker	93.7	97.5

This week's school attendance	95.3	Number of children meeting or exceeding our attendance target of 97% this week.	317
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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Linsey Cavell

Headteacher