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## Newsletter – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents

### From Walking Around School This Week...

In addition to the comments below, I have been really impressed with the children's writing this week. In all classes, the children have been working very hard to reach their individual targets to improve their written work. It is lovely to see the improvement in their writing by looking at the start of their books and their most recent work. The children have been so enthusiastic and engaged about meeting their targets and reviewing their work. I had so many children sent to me to celebrate their good work that I ran out of stickers yesterday!

Class 1 – Children in Class 1 have been working very hard to learn all about the great wall of China. They have been comparing London to Beijing and have created some very impressive models – well done, Class 1!

Class 2 – Class 2 have been working hard to improve their presentation and I was very impressed to see the improvements in the children's handwriting this week. The children were very proud to show me how fantastic their handwriting is. Well done, Class 2!

Class 3 – Children in Class 3 have been working hard on their creative writing this week. They have been showing great independence to use Mrs Keetley's checklist and self-assess their work. There are some wonderful examples of high level vocabulary and punctuation. Well done, Class 3!

### Celebration Assembly

During Celebration Assembly this afternoon, each class shared some of their fantastic learning. There was wonderful literacy, history and D&T work shared with the school.

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with the following awards during the assembly:

#### **Worker of the Week:-**

Reception – Eva G

Year 1 – Annabel B

Year 2 – William M

Year 3 – Lily F

Year 4 – Molly B

Year 5 – Katie B

Year 6 – Joel W

**Gold award** – Penny R

### **Times Table Challenge**

Thank you for all the positive feedback regarding our new times table challenge in KS2. It's been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic about learning their times tables. Thank you for your support with this; it will really help to develop so many different areas of mathematics.

### **Acts of Kindness**

This week we have re-launched our school kindness book. The book is situated in our school hall and is to be used for adults and children to write in and record acts of kindness in school. It was lovely to share some of these acts with the school during Celebration Assembly. I have been particularly impressed with how the older children look after and serve the younger children during lunchtimes. Our Collective Worship sessions this half term are also focusing on kindness and being helpful to others.

### **Open The Book Church group**

A big thank you to the 'Open The Book' group from St Wilfrid's Church, Brayton, who came into school on Tuesday and used drama to bring to life the story of Ruth and Naomi. The children really enjoyed taking part and watching the performance.

### **Wear it Red Day**

Thank you to those of you who have already made their donations for 'wear it red' day. So far we have raised £37 for Children's Heart Surgery. Donations can still be made via parent pay.

### **Health and Safety**

Could we please remind everyone that pre-school younger siblings are the responsibility of parents whilst on the school premises.

### **School Disco**

The school council disco is at 5.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February in school. If there are any parents who wish to volunteer to help during this event, please let Mrs Keetley know. A letter from the School Council is coming out tonight about this.

### **Donation**

We would like to say a big thank you to a parent who has now donated £200 to school in the last few months which will be spent on books. The parent wishes to remain anonymous.

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Acting Head teacher