



Thursday 3rd January

Dear Parents/Carers of children in Year 5,

A very happy new year to all of you! A new year in Year 5 brings a new teaching team. We welcomed **Mrs Newbold** shortly before Christmas, as she took over from Mrs Morgan in Buffaloes class. We now also welcome **Miss Davis**, who begins with us this week as Llamas new class teacher. We are very much looking forward to seeing high achievement from all the Year 5 children in the coming two terms.

With this new start for Year 5, Mr Austin and all senior leaders in the school will be working actively with the Year 5 staff team and pupils as this term begins. In particular, the Key Year 5 goals we have set for the year group as this term begins are:

- ↑ Be **present** at school
- ↑ Show **respect** for all other children and adults
- ↑ Have **high expectations** for your learning, with no disrupting of others' learning
- ↑ **No physical behaviour** at any time for any reason

Mr Austin and Mrs Wayland, together with myself, spoke with the year group today to outline expectations and share these goals. It has also been explained today that any child who is regularly not meeting these goals will be subject to a behaviour report card to be signed off daily by their parent and a senior leader, with regular review meetings set up with parents. We appreciate all your support with these measures and in supporting these expectations.

In order to celebrate and review progress in the year group in the coming weeks, we will be:

- ✓ Holding a weekly year group meeting with all the children together, led by senior staff
- ✓ Challenging each class to work towards a weekly 'golden treat' by meeting the Year 5 goals outlined above
- ✓ Celebrating high achievement with our 'Audience with ...' initiative in which children get a chance to show work off to senior leaders
- ✓ Assigning to children who need support with meeting the Year 5 goals another staff mentor as another 'go-to' person in the school

Please also note an important evening for your diaries is **Wednesday 6th February**, when we are having a parents' evening in our school hall at 6pm on *Keeping your Child Safe Online*, which is very relevant to all Year 5 parents.

We are looking forward to seeing our Year 5 children fly over the coming weeks and sharing their achievements with you! Thank you for your continued support with this.

Yours sincerely,

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