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Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families have a lovely break over Easter. It has been a short but eventful term and I am sure that everyone is ready for the holidays.

Thank you very much for your support and understanding regarding the snow days. It is an extremely difficult decision to make and ensuring everyone's safety is always the priority. In addition, a significant number of teachers live away from Harrogate. Let's hope Spring is on its way!

I am delighted to inform parents that Mrs Merrett is expecting a baby and will be taking maternity leave in June. I am sure that you will join with me in sending Mrs Merrett and her family our very best wishes. I am very pleased that Miss Bridgeman will be teaching full time in Reception and be covering Mrs Merrett's maternity leave.

It has been wonderful to welcome parents into school on a number of occasions this term. There have been some excellent class assemblies and we are looking forward to the Lower Junior Production of Ramayana this week.

I was pleased to receive so much positive feedback from parents and children regarding the new school uniform. The children have commented in particular that they like the Star Motif and, as I have told them, it's because they are all stars themselves! Parents told me that they like the darker colour and a bonus is that all the uniform can be washed together in one load! We are looking forward to seeing the new uniform being worn from September.

The Year 6 children are looking forward to their residential visit to Marrick Priory during the first week of the Summer Term. Mr Parker, Mrs Hazell and Mr Gray will be accompanying them. During that week, Pine Class will be taught by Mr Bailey and Ms Hennessey will be teaching Year 5. We hope the Year 6 children have a wonderful time.

Next term starts on Tuesday 17th April and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school. Year 6 should arrive at 11.00am on Monday 16th April ready to go to Marrick Priory.

Once again I will be sending the children's attendance records to parents at the beginning of next term. Our school target is 97% and currently we have achieved 96.38%. I hope that we can continue to work together to achieve our target.

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Also, please may we remind parents that dogs are not allowed beyond the school gates. It is lovely that parents are walking with their children and dogs to school, but please can we ask that dogs are tethered to the railings outside the gates. Some parents have reported that they have to walk past dogs to get into school which can be disconcerting for those children and adults who are wary around dogs.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Ann L Wheatcroft
Headteacher