Dear Parents and Carers,

**Attendance**

Currently our attendance stands at 96.9%. We are below our target of 97%. It is essential that the children are in school every day to ensure that they do not miss out on any of their education.

During our Monday assembly we celebrate the class with the highest attendance and record this on a display in the hall. The highest attendance gets a green leaf on their class tree; the second placed class a yellow leaf and third placed a red leaf. As we have reached the halfway point of the year, the school has rewarded two classes who have had good attendance so far this year. Elder have had the most green leaves and were awarded £50 for their class to spend and Fir which had the most leaves on their tree received £25. We will start this process again for the second part of the year after half term.

**Y2 Residential**

As you may remember, Y2 had planned a residential trip again this year, returning to Habershon House in Filey. Very sadly, the house, ran by Rotherham Borough Council, has been sold. However, we are still planning to take our Year 2 children on a residential as part of their learning about the coast. We are planning an overnight visit to Whitby in mid-May. Mrs Smales is visiting the centre that we have chosen during half term (a great excuse for fish and chips by the sea) and we will then be in a position to confirm details of this visit.

**Family of Schools Communication Consultation**

Thanks to those parents who took the time to respond to the family of schools’ consultation. I will publish a copy of the entire document on our website during the first week back after half term. The feedback was very positive. Most of the pointers for improvement I agree with and have already begun to act upon.

There were a couple of aspects raised by parents that I wanted to clarify. Some parents felt that the school could do better at consulting with them over the general running and performance of the school. In my opinion we consult with parents an awful lot however those parents new to the school may not have seen some of this yet. At the forthcoming parent consultation evening in March a selection of governors will ask you to complete an Ofsted styled questionnaire. We publish these results once we have analysed the data. Over the last year we have also consulted with parents about issues linked to our after school provision, the timing of shine assemblies and about a range of parent training sessions and the timings of these events. We will continue to ask your opinion on a range of matters in the future.

As I have already mentioned the ‘Ofsted’ word; I hope you all realise that we are still awaiting an Ofsted inspection, it has been over five years now, which is crazy, in my opinion. When we get the call, parents will be asked to complete ParentView. This is an online questionnaire. It would be really helpful if parents could start populating this. It helps the inspection team decide whether we are good or even better!

The link is below:

[**https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/)

**End of Term**

Please remember that the final day of this term is Friday. The school is closed for the week and re-opens for children on Tuesday 28th February. Monday has been designated as a whole school closure day and will be used by the staff as a day in which they will receive additional science training.

Can you also remind your child to bring home any lunchboxes they may have in school and their PE kit?

**Fair Trade Fortnight**

We are having a whole school focus on Fair Trade Fortnight! This begins on our return to school on Tuesday 28th February. We will be undertaking lots of activities to help us better understand Fair Trade. All of our learning will be made into a movie which we will present at Mosborough Movie Night (more details of the red carpet premier to follow!).

**World Book Day**

Please remember that it is world book day on 2nd March. You should have received a letter about this last Friday The children can come to school dressed as a book character on this day. We have lots of other exciting activities planned for this day.

**Children’s University**

If you are wondering about what there is to do with the children during the forthcoming half term holidays the Children’s University have published a great newsletter which may provide you with some ideas. We have retweeted the link and placed a copy of the letter on our website in the Children’s University section.

**Parent’s Workshops**

A huge thank you to all of the parents who have attended our recent workshops including First Class @ Number, Y3/4 maths workshop and also Music the Mosborough Way with Mrs Csorba. We know parents who attended found this very useful and we look forward to welcoming more of you to our future workshops. If there is a subject that you would like to see us run a workshop on, please get in touch using enquiries@mosborough.sheffield.sch.uk

**Showing Off**

I know they say that pride comes before a fall; however I feel I should share with you how proud I am of Genaya Smales and Peter Walker who were both selected to become Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE). This is a nationwide award and to have two members of staff holding this is a great honour for the school.

**Finally**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term. I hope you are able to enjoy some quality time with the children over half term.

Yours

Martin Fallon