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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone getting off to a great start to the new term across school, with attendance in most classes showing some real improvements. We aim for this to be the case in all classes and will work with other professionals to ensure that all children's attendance is positive so that no learning is missed. This is the same with punctuality, and thank you to everyone working hard to get their children into school on time every day. For those families not managing this as successfully, we will send letters out to you and monitor the situation.

Those children who are late do stay and wait for a short time in the entrance area. This is to limit the disruptions to the learning for those already in class and accessing their learning.

We have celebrated those children who have achieved 100% and improved their attendance in various ways such as watching performances in school, participating in a Theatre Royal drama club and attending workshops with Newcastle United Football Club.

The Newcastle United team are also looking to support us with further prizes such as tours of the football ground and souvenirs. Last year some of our children and their families attended a football match sitting in one of the selected boxes and other children attended the Northern Lights festival to celebrate their positive attendance.

Every Thursday morning, a representative from Citizen's Advice attends our school to provide support to Parents/Carers linked to housing, finance and benefits. Please do come and join us on Thursday morning for a coffee and to see what support you can receive that may benefit your family and household.

After the success of our winter themed Family learning workshops, we would like to plan in more opportunities for Parents/Carers to attend workshops to learn alongside their children. We would like Parents/Carers to tell us what types of learning workshops they would like to access and would appreciate any feedback.

Year Six children will be sitting their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) in May and we would like to meet with Parents/Carers to discuss ways of supporting their children for these tests. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 24th January, at 9.15 am, and for those unable to attend at this time 2.40 pm.

We will hold 'Book look week' across the school the weeks beginning 5th and 12th February and we will send a let out with specific dates and times closer to these dates. Book look is an opportunity for Parents/Carers to see what work is being completed by their children and to celebrate their successes. It enables children to discuss their learning with their families and links to the learning overview already sent out earlier in the term.

Yours sincerely,

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