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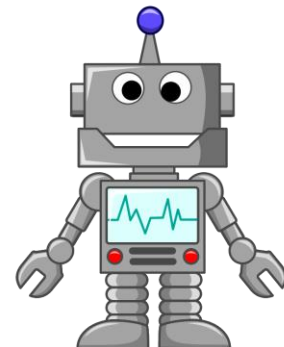
10<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Dear Parents / Carers,

On behalf of the staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome you back to the new term. I hope you had a great Christmas with your children and families.

**Machines**

Next week we are beginning a whole school topic about 'Robots and Machines'. We have arranged for a number of exciting visitors to come to work with the children. I am sure everyone will enjoy our latest theme and I have no doubt there will be some real 'WOW' moments along the way!!



**Attendance**

Our attendance for the autumn term was as follows:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	91.4%	94.1%	95%	95.7%	96.7%	98.1%	96.2%

Our whole school attendance for the autumn term was 95.1%. This is below our target our 95.5%, although various bugs before the holidays had a significant impact on our Reception Class attendance. Thank you for your support in improving our attendance and I am sure it will continue to rise in 2014.



### **No Smoking**

Can I remind parents that Shield Row Primary School operates a strict no smoking policy. Smoking is not permitted in the school buildings or grounds at any time. This includes events outside of school hours. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

### **Mobile Phone Numbers**

If you have changed your mobile phone number recently, I would be grateful if you could let us know so we can update our text messaging service records.

### **SATs / Howtown Parents' Evening**

We will be running a parents' evening for our Year 6 parents on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm to give you more information about the Year 6 SATs. The sessions will enable you to find out about the work the children will be doing in the run up to the tests in May and how you could help them prepare at home. We will also be giving full details of our visit to Howtown the week after the children's tests. I hope you will be able to attend this meeting.

### **Year 5 Robin Hood's Bay**

We will be running a parents' evening for our Year 5 parents on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm to give you more information about the residential visit to Robin Hood's Bay in April. I hope you will be able to attend this meeting.

### **Dates for your Diaries**

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential trip to Howtown
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 residential trip to Robin Hood's Bay

If you have any questions about this information please contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Andrew Knighton  
(Headteacher)