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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.

**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	92.8%	95.2%	95.6%	94.6%	94.6%	96.2%	92.8%

Our whole school attendance for the autumn term was 94.6%. 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 2015.

**Parent Governor**

We currently have a two vacancies for Parent Governors on the school’s Governing Body. School Governors make important collective decisions about the school. If you would be interested in becoming a Governor and would like more information about the role, please pop into the office for an informal chat before the end of half term.

**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 / Ullswater Parents' Evening**

We will be holding a meeting for our Year 6 parents / carers on Tuesday 27<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 Ullswater 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 holding a meeting for our Year 5 parents / carers on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6.00pm to give you more information about the residential visit to Robin Hood's Bay in May. I hope you will be able to attend this meeting.

### **Starting School – Reception Class Admissions 2015/16**

The applications deadline for children starting in Reception Class in September 2015 is midnight on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Parents should apply at [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions). **Please note that all parents must apply for a place in Reception class in September, regardless of whether they attend our Nursery or not.** For more information contact the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265 897.

### **Class Assemblies**

The dates for our spring term class assemblies are as follows:

Reception Class	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 1	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 2	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3 / 4	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 5	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 6	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February

All assemblies will start at 9.10 am. We hope you are able to attend your child's assembly and we look forward to seeing you on the above dates.

### **Dates for your Diaries**

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Years 2 – 6 "Sticks & Stones" Anti-bullying Production
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Play in a Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photographs – Formal Shots
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	Year 5 Visit to Robin Hood's Bay
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	Year 6 Visit to the Ullswater Outdoor Centre

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Andrew Knighton  
(Headteacher)