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**Newsletter 6**  
**January 10<sup>th</sup> - 2014**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and didn't suffer too much from all the heavy rain and winds that have battered the UK over the past few weeks.

We have some exciting events planned over the next term including ESafety Week, Book Week and the arrival of an incubator and set of eggs which we hope to hatch during our Living and Growing Week in March!



Hopefully you will have received a letter today with all of the dates for the spring term and may have noticed that our next PTA event will be a **DISCO** for the children! This is planned for **Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup>** with more details to follow soon.



## Class Assemblies

We had a few requests asking if we could arrange it so that the Infant and Junior class assemblies don't fall on the same day. We've had a juggle around and have managed to put the Infant class assemblies on a Wednesday, with the Juniors on a Thursday so you no longer have to decide on which one to see. The dates for assemblies this half term are:

- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan**      **2H**
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan**      **6P**
- **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan**          **1E**
- **Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan**          **3I**
- **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan**          **2G**
- **Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Jan**          **4L**
- **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb**            **1F**
- **Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb**          **5M**

This half term our Rights  
Respecting focus is:

*Honesty*

## Curriculum Booklets

Watch out for the Curriculum Booklets for each year group which will be sent out to you on Monday. These give details of the learning that your child will cover over the next term and give you a few tips on how you can help your child with their learning at home. Copies are also available on our website.





# Building Work Update

The foundations are in and work has started on the walls of our new building which, as you can see, is progressing well. Thank you for your support throughout the wet and muddy stage; the worst of which is now over.

## Parent Questionnaire - Feedback

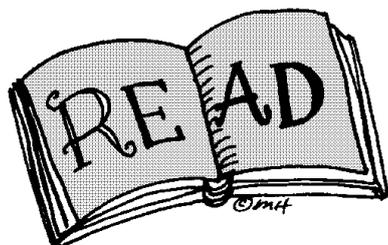
Thank you to those parents who completed and returned one of our questionnaires. It is always useful to receive your feedback as this helps us to identify the things that we are doing well along with the things that we need to improve. The results were highly positive with lots of 100% agreeing and nothing less than 90% of parents in agreement with the statements. The main headlines are:

<b>My child is happy at this school</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>My child feels safe at this school</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>My child is taught well at this school</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>This school ensures the pupils are well behaved</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>This school is well led and managed</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>This school responds well to any concern I raise</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>I receive valuable information about my child's progress</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>I would recommend this school to another parent</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**READING.....**is a huge focus for us this term and you can help by hearing your child read as often as possible. Finding a short amount of time each day to share a book with your child, whether they are in Nursery or Year 6, has a massive impact on confidence, fluency and overall enjoyment. If your child is a reluctant reader, consider buying the occasional magazine or comic (Match Magazine

worked a treat for my son). If time is short, encourage your child to read road and shop signs as you drive/walk to school or read labels as you shop. Thank you to our marvellous parents and grandparents who have volunteered to read with our children. We could still do with a few more reading volunteers so please indicate on the slip below if you are willing to help between 9-9.30am or 2.15-3pm for one or two days per week.

*Return this slip & your child will be entered into a prize draw!*

January 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 Newsletter Comments:

Signed..... (parent of.....class.....

