



**Headteacher: Mrs. M. Weatherburn**

17 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Heating** There is good news and bad! We are pleased to be able to say that the heating in our Nursery rooms and Gruffalo class is now fixed. We have been relying on portable heaters in the rooms to make sure we keep everyone warm enough, but they are not quite as efficient! The bad news is that the main boiler has failed again this morning. We have called the engineers out again and hope to have it sorted as quickly as possible, but just in case, I would recommend an extra layer of clothing next week. A vest under a t-shirt, jumpers and another hoody on top of school uniform. I would suggest popping your child's name into it, as children quickly warm up in a room with 30 people and they may well want to take them off. We will keep the children active and let you know how things are going.

**Attendance** Well done to Night Pirates class. You had the highest attendance for the Autumn term and won a Headteacher's reward. We had our good attendance assembly today where all our 100% attenders received a certificate and everyone above 97% an excellent attendance sticker. Night Pirates can choose their reward and have it on Monday! I wonder who will win the Spring term reward?

Class	Percentage
Gruffalo	89.3
Snow Bears	87.9
Very Hungry Caterpillar	90.4
Percy the Park Keeper	92.6
Stardust	91.2
Paddington Bear	92.3
Night Pirates	93.1

Our target for attendance is 94%, which you can see we are not yet reaching. Hopefully, as the weather warms up, the vast amounts of illnesses, viruses, sickness and diarrhoea, coughs and colds will start to improve, and we will see these figures start to improve. Regular school attendance is essential for consistently good progress and we want to do our very best for your children.

**Morning drop-off** We are having a bit of a problem in the mornings with several parents standing and waiting after they drop off their child to their class lines, watching and waiting until the lines go in. This can cause us some problems with keeping a good visual overview of our lines, especially once we start moving them inside, as we need it to be clear to ensure we see that children do not attempt to leave or run out of the line. It can also actually prolong the distress for some children who find separation to be tricky, as in almost all cases, the children will calm much more quickly and often immediately that their parents are out of sight.

Please help us to keep everyone safe by saying goodbye, and then leaving the playground promptly. To help with this, from Monday morning the class teachers will wait with their lines until parents have left the playground before beginning to move the children inside. I will also ask that you do not stand by the gate watching and waving as this will cause a traffic jam for families still arriving.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or need any further support.

Yours sincerely

Mary Weatherburn  
Headteacher