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Headteacher's Thoughts

Welcome back to the Spring Term, I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year break, hopefully without the bugs that have circulating around and ready for the next term. It has certainly been an interesting week of weather from the icy and snowy starts to the day – I always love the chance to be able to grit the playgrounds and paths.

Staff News.

Sadly, for us, we will be saying farewell to Miss Pratley at the end of this half term as she starts a new adventure. We will, of course, say our goodbyes nearer the time but we would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to Miss Pratley for all her contributions at Ducklington. We are now in the process of recruitment and will update you further when this is completed. For Year 5 parents, there will be an additional letter today, please do look out for this.

It wouldn't be the first newsletter of the new year without a mention of health advice given by UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), this has been issued to help reduce the spread of the common germs at this stage of the year. Click here for the details. Also, I would ask that as the weather has become colder and unpredictable, that your child remembers their coats and for most their hats and gloves – there can be an icy blast across the playground!

Please could I remind everyone that all lunchboxes should all be **nut-free** to ensure that we have a safe environment for **all** children at school. Thank you in advance.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Courage

We can think about the importance of **standing up for what is right** against the odds, **sticking by one's convictions** and **not being swayed as well as strength of will**. We can also think about how we can encourage each other to do so too.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9

Future Diary Dates.

Thursday 16th January – Governors – Finance Cttee
Monday 20th January – Full Governors Meeting
Friday 31st January – FODS School Disco
Monday 3rd February – Y3 Art Morning at Cokethorpe
Tuesday 11th February – Y6 & Reception Height and Weight checks
Wednesday 12th February – Y4 Corinthian Drama Day
W/b 17th February – HALF TERM BREAK

Achievements Assembly

Well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly over the last few weeks.

Ducklings	All Class for their concentration & enthusiasm in whole class reading
Owls:	Daisy Godfrey, Noah Reed
Mandarins	Matilda Townsend
Eagles:	Henry Lloyd
Robins:	Theo Baldwin, Ibbie Wright
Kingfishers:	Grace Kiley, Kendall Gardner
Red Kites:	Ryan Mitchell