Happy New Year to you all, although it may seem like a distant memory now! It was lovely to see all the children back in school on Wednesday—they always seem to brighten up the dark January mornings with their smiles and positive attitude. This week officially marks the end of Christmas in the Christian calendar with the ‘Feast of Epiphany’; all over the world Christians celebrate the Three Wise Men visiting Jesus. Dominic led our worship this morning and talked to the children about the meaning behind gifts and what it means to Christians. Our worship theme for this half term is ‘Perseverance’ which is very apt thinking of the Three Wise Men on their long journey. I spoke to the children on Wednesday about the New Year’s honours list and we particularly focused on the athletes that were honoured, and how they have shown perseverance to become successful. We even looked at Mo Farah’s training schedule—did you know that he runs a total of 136 miles in a week—now that’s perseverance for you!

The fun has already begun in school and Year 5 have kicked it off nicely today with their ‘Mexico Day’. They all look fantastic in their Mexican coloured clothes and I’m sure they are going to enjoy the exciting activities that Miss Davies has planned for them. I know that the other class teachers also have fun activities lined up and so another exciting term begins...

‘Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance.’ Samuel Johnson

**Term Dates 2016/2017**

- Friday 17th February – Break up for half term
- Monday 27th February – School INSET Day
- Tuesday 28th February – Children return to school
- Friday 7th April – Break up for Easter
- Monday 24th April – Children return to school
- Monday 1st May – Mayday Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th – Friday 12th May – Year 6 SATS
- Friday 26th May – Break up for Whitsun Holiday
- Monday 5th June – Children return to school
- Friday 21st July – Children break up for the Summer

**ATTENDANCE FOR 12/12/16 – 16/12/16**

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Our overall attendance was: 93.6%
The class winners were: YEAR 1

**DINNER MONEY PAYMENTS**

There are a number of children in Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 requiring a hot dinner, who are not on free school meals and who do not pay on the day. Can we please remind you that LUNCH MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE and failure to do so may result in your child been given a sandwich.

The cost per day per child is £2.20

**PGL MEETING REMINDER**

There is a meeting for all YEAR 5 parents in the school hall at 3.30 on Monday 9th January.

We would love you all to come along so you can hear about what a fantastic opportunity this is for your children.

Please come in through the new entrance.

**School Car Parking**

The school car parks on Hales Road and High Street are for school staff only and must not be used by parents/carers when bringing children to school or when collecting from school.

Thank you for your co-operation.